

Optimism growing in Libya



Libyan children with toy guns gather in Freedom Square to celebrate the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr in Misrata, Sept. 2, 2011. Libyans across the country celebrated the festival without Col. Moammar Gadhafi for the first time in more than four decades - reveling with gunfire, clowns and food.
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TRIPOLI, Libya – Rebel negotiators have resumed talks with loyalist holdouts in the desert town of Bani Walid in an effort to persuade them to surrender peacefully before a Sept. 10 deadline set by the interim government, Libyan officials said Monday. Striking notes of increasing confidence, rebel officials announced they had made progress on several nonmilitary fronts.

A group of rebel officials took a visiting U.N. envoy on a tour of their main detention center, Jadida Prison, while others announced that water service had been restored to Tripoli, the capital.

Also, the government's acting economy minister said badly needed cash had begun flowing in from abroad after some of the country's foreign bank accounts were unfrozen. Those efforts to restore normalcy plowed ahead even in the continued absence of the rebels' top leadership, who remain either in the eastern city of Benghazi or abroad.

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Labor Day:

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs



President Barack Obama speaks after the annual Labor Day parade in Detroit, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011. Obama's speech at the annual event was serving as a dress rehearsal for the jobs address he's delivering to a joint session of Congress on Thursday night.

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Obama says Republicans must approve jobs program

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Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — President Barack Obama used a boisterous Labor Day rally on Monday to put congressional Republicans on the spot, challenging them to place the country's interests above all else and vote to create jobs and put the economy back on a path toward growth. "Show us what you've got," he said. In a partial preview of the jobs speech he's delivering to Congress Thursday night, Obama said roads and bridges nationwide need rebuilding and more than 1 million unemployed construction workers are itching to "get dirty" making the repairs. He portrayed Congress as an obstacle to getting that work done. I'm going to propose ways to put America back to work that both parties can

agree to, because I still believe both parties can work together to solve our problems," Obama said at an annual Labor Day rally sponsored by the Detroit-

But we're not going to wait for them."

"We're going to see if we've got some straight shooters in Congress. We're going to see if congressional Re-



Union members, along with their relatives, walk in the annual Labor Day parade in Detroit, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

area AFL-CIO trade union federation. "Given the urgency of this moment, given the hardship that many people are facing, folks have got to get together.

publicans will put country before party," he said. Congress returns from its summer recess this week and the faltering economy and jobs shortage are ex-

pected to be a dominant theme.

Besides spending on public works, Obama said he wants pending trade deals passed to open new markets for U.S. goods. He also said he wants Republicans to prove they'll fight as hard to cut taxes for the middle class as they do for profitable oil companies and the wealthiest Americans.

The president is expected to call for continuing a payroll tax cut for workers and jobless benefits for the unemployed. Some Republicans oppose extending the payroll tax cut, calling it an unproven job creator that will only add to the nation's massive debt. The tax cut extension is set to expire Jan. 1.

Republicans also cite huge federal budget deficits in expressing opposition to vast new spending on jobs programs.

But Obama said lawmak-

ers need to act — and act quickly. "The time for Washington games is over. The time for action is now," he told a supportive union crowd that Detroit police said was in the thousands. The event at a General Motors Corp. parking lot in the shadow of the automaker's headquarters building had the sound and feel of a campaign event, with the union audience breaking into chants of "Four More Years" throughout the president's 25-minute speech. Obama could be including himself in that call for action. His remarks came as he's facing biting criticism from the Republicans for presiding over a persistently weak economy and high unemployment. Republicans dubbed him "President Zero" after a dismal jobs report last Friday showed that employers added no jobs in August — which hasn't happened since 1945. □

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Republican candidates vow to support Tea Party

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — With the Labor Day holiday marking the unofficial start to the 2012 presidential campaign, the major Republican contenders were pitching themselves to tea party activists at a forum Monday in South Carolina — site of the first primary nominating contest in the South.

The event organized by U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint was designed to probe the candidates on their views of spending, taxes and the Constitution — bedrock principles for the tea party activists whose rising clout is likely to shape the Republican nominating process. Pledging fidelity to the Constitution and vowing to carry the tea party's priorities to the White House, the Republican contenders appealed to their party's libertarian activists as the strongest candidates to roll back four years of President Barack Obama's tenure.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said the Obama administration flouted the Constitution to push a political agenda. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota stridently called Obama's policies "unconstitutional" at the same forum on Labor Day.

And Texas Gov. Rick Perry, the third member of his party's top tier, told a separate town hall-style audience earlier in the day that he has a better record on jobs

than the president.

It also was a prime opportunity for the candidates to level pointed — though, in many cases, familiar — criticism of Obama.

"The track record we have creating jobs, I'd put up against anyone running for president of the United States, particularly the cur-

remarks seemed centered on Romney.

Bachmann warned that Obama and Democrats' health care legislation was taking away freedoms and giving Washington abject power.

"They will become a dictator over our lives," she said of federal requirements in-

this campaign, Romney appeared at two tea party-related events this holiday weekend, first in New Hampshire on Sunday and then Monday in South Carolina. He slightly tweaked his pitch and acknowledged critics of Massachusetts' health plan which he sponsored as governor.

ter than most."

Aware of the tea party's potential to pick the nominee, all candidates have tailored their pitches to appeal to the libertarian and grassroots activists who favor limited government and low taxes.

Bachmann, a former federal tax lawyer, called the



Republican presidential candidate former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks at a Tea Party Express rally in Concord, N.H.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

rent resident of the White House," said Perry, whose late entry into the race and support from tea party activists threatens Romney's one-time aura of inevitability. And Bachmann sought to sustain her status as a movement darling and suitable alternative to Romney. Although she never engaged him directly, her

cluded in the overhaul that requires Americans to have health insurance. Massachusetts requires a similar mandate.

"This is the foundation for socialized medicine. Make no mistake about it. It will change the face of this nation forever," she warned. After keeping the tea party at arm's length most of

"Our bill dealt with 8 percent of our population, the people who weren't insured," Romney said.

"He dealt with 100 percent of American people. He said, 'I'm going to change health care for all of you.' It's simply unconstitutional. It's bad law. It's bad medicine. ... It has got to be stopped and I know it bet-

Constitution "that sacred document" and challenged Obama's understanding of his powers under it. She cited Obama's advisers, whom she called "czars," the Justice Department's decision not to appeal a court's overturning of a federal marriage law, and his immigration policies. □

Congress returns amid sour mood over slow economy

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still bruised by the summer battle over the debt ceiling, the U.S. Congress reconvenes this week for what could be an equally painful confrontation over how to put Americans back to work.

Lawmakers returning to Washington after a monthlong recess are in accord on at least one thing: Jobs policy must be at the top of the agenda. But there's scant hope they will put aside their differences long enough to come up with legislation that makes measurable improvements either to the unemployment rate or Congress' dismal approval rate.

Even the main attraction of the first week back, President Obama's speech to a joint session of Congress outlining his jobs policy, had to be pushed back a day, until Thursday. Republicans balked at letting Obama pre-empt their party's presidential debate on the first day the House is

in session.

When Obama does get to the House podium, he's likely to get a cool reception from the Republican side of the aisle.

Republicans may go along with tax break proposals but won't be friendly to ideas to extend jobless benefits or spend money on new construction projects.

House Republicans have prepared an autumn jobs agenda that centers on repealing what they say are job-destroying environmental and labor regulations. The first bill, slated for the week of Sept. 12, would prevent the National Labor Relations Board from restricting where an employer can locate in the United States. It grows out of a complaint issued by the NLRB that Boeing Co. was punishing union workers with plans to transfer an assembly line from Washington state to South Carolina.

The anti-regulation bills are likely to hit a dead end in the Democratic-controlled Senate. But

the threat of them prompted Obama last week to scrap tougher Environmental Protection Agency regulations on ozone, a key ingredient of smog that causes asthma and other lung illnesses.

While talking jobs, lawmakers will have one eye on the initial meetings of the supercommittee established under legislation enacted in early August to increase the federal debt ceiling. The bipartisan committee has until Nov. 23 to come up with at least \$1.2 trillion in deficit cuts. If it fails to do so or if Congress fails to approve its recommendations by Christmas, automatic spending cuts covering both defense and domestic programs would be triggered starting in 2013.

More immediately, Congress must stop itself from actually causing unemployment. Obama, in his address, is expected to urge lawmakers to act swiftly to renew aviation and surface transportation programs and avoid shutdowns that he said could put 1 million jobs at risk. □

A decade later, schools find lessons in 9/11

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Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — It was about three years ago, the first time Jerry Swiatek got to the 9/11 portion of his social studies class and had some freshmen say they'd never seen footage of planes flying into the World Trade Center. Each year since, more students among the current crop of 15-year-olds tell him the same thing, leaving him still amazed that they've never experienced the horror of watching the twin towers collapse. It's etched forever in the minds of their teachers, but for the majority of school children, Sept. 11, 2001, is a day of infamy they don't remember.

This year's high school seniors were in second grade a decade ago. Their memories of the day of the attacks are fuzzy at best — a teacher crying while hugging a colleague or being shepherded into the auditorium away from television screens filled with scenes of horror. For younger kids, it's an even more distant event. "They've heard about it, they are aware of changes that have taken place in our country, but their parents have never let them see the footage," said Swiatek, who teaches

mostly high school freshmen in rural Citrus County, Fla., and shows news clips of the burning towers to shocked students each year around Sept. 11. "Students who had never seen it couldn't believe what they were seeing. I was a

The answer isn't simple, and it has changed over time as the country's rhetoric about the attacks has evolved. Students across the country will gather for assemblies, hold moments of silence and spend history and social studies classes



Chase Molenaar, 14, of Yorba Linda, Calif. touches a piece of steel from the World Trade Center during a 10th Anniversary Remembrance of 9/11 display at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library in Yorba Linda, Calif., Monday, Sept. 5, 2011. The display will continue through Sept. 11, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jason Redmond)

little concerned." More than 60 million children in America are 14 and younger, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. So how do teachers handle the daunting task of trying to explain the significance of 9/11 to students who don't remember when anyone could walk right up to the gate at the airport or when Osama bin Laden wasn't a household name?

focusing on Sept. 11 this year. They'll hear stories from teachers and talk to survivors or family members of victims. They'll read front-page headlines screaming "UNTHINKABLE" or "ACT OF WAR" in giant letters. Though it's been a decade, just a few states and school districts have a set curriculum for teaching Sept. 11. Unlike Pearl Harbor or the assassinations of the Rev.

Martin Luther King Jr. and President John F. Kennedy, the story of 9/11 is still being written as the country continues to grapple with its impact.

New Jersey unveiled its new curriculum this year in honor of the 10th anniversary of the attacks, a lesson plan created by families of Sept. 11 victims and the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. It provides 56 lessons — which start simple and grow in complexity and maturity with each grade level — emphasizing the good that came out of the tragedy for younger students and examining

the history of terrorism and other complicated lessons for older students.

The lessons recommend some kind of action, such as creating art about tolerance or service projects to honor or remember victims. "We really wanted something broader in scope, that Sept. 11 would have a context to it," said Donna Gaffney, a co-founder of the 4 Action Initiative, which put the materials together.

In 2009, New York City schools piloted what was believed to be the first comprehensive educational plan focusing on the attacks. □

Lee's remnants turn deadly in US

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Associated Press

JACKSON, Mississippi (AP) — The slow-moving remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped a torrent of rain across the South on Monday and whipped up tornadoes as it pushed further inland. One death was reported, and at least one person was injured.

In Mississippi, a man was swept away by floodwaters after trying to cross a swollen creek, authorities said Monday, the first death caused by flooding or winds from Lee. The system was sweeping across Alabama and pushing into Georgia, where suspected tornadoes sent trees falling into homes and injured at least one person.

Damage to homes ranged from ripped-off siding and shingles to holes punched through roofs by falling trees. In all, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency said about 100 homes were damaged in Cherokee County. One man was taken to the hospital with superficial injuries after being hit by flying debris.

As of Monday afternoon, at least 16,000 people were without power in Louisiana and Mississippi, states that bore the brunt of the storm over the weekend.

The man who died in Mississippi, 57-year-old John Howard Anderson Jr., had been in a car with two other people trying to cross a rain-swollen creek that naturally flows over the entrance to JP Coleman State Park. Anderson had been staying on a house boat at the park's marina. Tishomingo County Coroner Mack Wilemon said he was told Anderson was outside of the car and had been thrown a rope to be rescued, but he couldn't hold on. □

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A school district mimics charters, hopes success follows

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HOUSTON - Classrooms are festooned with college pennants. Hallway placards proclaim: "No Excuses!" Students win prizes for attendance. They start classes earlier and end later than their neighbors; some return to school on Saturdays. And they get to pore over math problems one-on-one with newly hired tutors, many of them former accountants and engineers.

If these new mores at Lee High School, long one of Houston's most troubled campuses, make it seem like one of those intense charter schools, that is no accident.

In the first experiment of its kind in the country, the Houston public schools are testing whether techniques proven successful in high-performing urban charters can also help raise achievement in regular public schools. Working with Roland G. Fryer, a researcher at Harvard who studies the racial achievement gap, Houston officials last year embraced five key tenets of such charters at nine district secondary schools; this fall, they are expanding the program to 11 elementary schools. A similar effort is beginning in Denver.

"We can't sit idly by and let parents think that only the quality charter schools can educate poor kids well," said Terry Grier, Houston's hard-charging su-



Principal Lara Wheatley watches students head to class at KIPP Houston High School in Houston, Aug. 25, 2011. In a first, 20 public schools in Houston are adopting the proven techniques of charter schools to see if they can help raise achievement.

perintendent. "If you see something good, why not try to replicate it?" When conceived 20 years ago, charter schools - which are publicly financed but independently operated - offered two distinct promises: to serve as an escape hatch for children in failing schools, and to be incubators of innovation that, through market forces, would invigorate neighborhood schools.

There are scores of examples of the former, but almost none of the latter. Instead, years of bickering have ensued among charter advocates, school boards and teachers'

unions.

"One of the rationales for charters was that they would figure out practices that could be adopted by school districts," said Grover J. Whitehurst, a fellow at the Brookings Institution and former federal education official.

"I hope Roland succeeds, because if he does it'll be a very important demonstration that bad public schools can be fixed."

Houston is an apt laboratory. It is the birthplace of the Knowledge Is Power Program, or KIPP, a national charter chain, as well as home to 105 charters that compete with the district's

300 schools for students and tax dollars. Texas is also a right-to-work state, which means school districts often have more leeway in managing teachers' work than elsewhere.

The experiment, which is known as Apollo 20 and cost \$19 million in its first year, has had mixed results: Lee High School saw double-digit gains on state tests last spring, moving to "acceptable" on the Texas school report card system after many years of being rated "unacceptable." But four of the nine Apollo schools remained on the unacceptable list, and at some the percentage of

students passing state tests actually dipped.

Fryer, an economist and head of Harvard's EdLabs, a research group, has gained national attention in recent years as the architect of incentive programs that offered students cash for improved performance, including one in New York City that was discontinued after being deemed ineffective. In recent years, he has visited scores of charter schools nationwide.

"Some should be closed down this afternoon," he said, but others have virtually erased the achievement gap between poor minority students and their white peers.

In 2009, Fryer identified five policies common to successful charters, including those run by KIPP and the Harlem Children's Zone: longer school days and years; more rigorous and selective hiring of principals and teachers; frequent quizzes whose results determine what needs to be retaught; what he calls "high-dosage tutoring"; and a "no excuses" culture. He then set about trying to find a public schools superintendent willing to embrace them.

Neither Joel I. Klein in New York nor Michelle Rhee in Washington bit; officials in Omaha, Neb., decided the political risks of copying charters were too high.

But in February 2010, Fryer spoke by phone with Grier, who had been on the job in Houston for six months. □

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I always have to laugh when people say they're Zen about flying. I have no clue what that means. There's nothing really calming about it.

I'm a Type A personality, and I always think there has to be a more efficient way to do things in an airport. But like everyone else, I follow the signs and all the rules and don't object to anything, although I can't say I'm Zen about it.

I don't check luggage. Ever. It's just not worth the extra hassle. I've been in some pretty far out and funky places in the world, but I've learned to pack light. If I can't roll it up and get it into a knapsack, it's not coming along for the ride.

When I fly, I often try to combine multiple locations in one trip. Recently I flew from New York to Indianapolis, then on to Philadelphia, back to New York. Then I left for San Francisco, went from there to Boston, then to Washington, and then to Chicago. I practically live in airports.

Everyone who flies a lot has had their share of bad flights. But most of us just take it in stride. Sometimes, you just can't.

I was flying a few months before Sept. 11, and I was worried about making a connecting flight in Paris. Another passenger was worried about the same thing. We explained the situation to the flight attendant before the plane



An undated handout photo of Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, an international human rights organization, and a former Manhattan borough president. For efficiency, Messinger never checks luggage when flying.

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landed, and asked if we could be the first to get off the plane, even though we were seated toward the back. The attendant said no.

So when the plane landed and started to taxi toward the gate both I and the other passenger decided to start yelling like lunatics about how we needed to get off the plane. The other passengers looked at us like we were crazy, but they obliged.

If we did that today, we'd be carted off the plane in shackles.

I used to love to strike up conversations with seatmates. Now I just watch movies. I look at it as a time to watch all the trash movies I never saw before. For me, a great trip is a mystery novel and a movie.

But that all changes if I see a parent traveling with a child. I have an incredibly soft spot for children. It can be tough traveling with kids because they can get so bored. I'm a mother and a grandmother, and I know what these parents are going through.

I went through it, too. So when I can, I try to help out. It all started when I was waiting to board a flight to Thailand and noticed this young mother with a child who was about 5 years old. She was juggling luggage and the kid was a handful. I went up to her and asked her if she needed some help. She was really grateful, and I actually enjoyed it, too. I call it my "nanny" service, and I keep it to kids who are about 5 years old or younger. □

Factory-like mills feed NYC heroin market

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In many ways, the reputed drug dealers on Grandview Place were good neighbors.

Their two-story, red-brick home in the New York City suburb of Fort Lee, New Jersey, looked perfectly ordinary with its white trim, gable porch and manicured shrubbery. Neither noise nor sketchy visitors were an issue, authorities say.

The only sign that something was amiss was the rented van that would disappear into a lower-level garage each day. The driver's job: To deliver immigrant workers from the inner city to package heroin in thousands-upon-thousands of glassine envelopes stamped with catchy logos like "LeBron James" and "Roger Dat."

The Fort Lee operation represented the new, more serene face of the ever-thriving heroin trade in the New York City area, the drug's national epicenter, according to the Manhattan-based narcotics investigators who shut it down.

"It can still be a violent, dirty business, but it's changed," said Bill Cook, a veteran investigator with the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for New York City. Absent are scenes out of films like "American Gangster," with kingpins flaunting their wealth, settling turf wars with brazen gunplay and serving a clientele of strung-out junkies queuing up to buy low-grade product.

The new business model

calls for more discretion and discipline, and better branding and quality control. The heroin is purer and the users more mainstream, including college students and professionals who snort rather than shoot up. Many have seamlessly transitioned to heroin after first getting hooked on prescription painkillers belonging to the same opiate family.

Compared to past eras marked by images junkies cooking the drug with a dirty spoon, heroin "doesn't have the same stigma attached to it," said John Gilbride, head of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York office.

Authorities say more abuse by a broader customer base has taken a devastating human toll that's difficult to measure. Rehab centers have told them that more people are seeking treatment, and there have been recent reports of fatal heroin overdoses by teenagers in New York suburbs.

That hasn't discouraged retailers — mainly Dominican immigrants supplied with Colombian heroin by Mexican cartels — from steadily expanding their operations throughout the city and its suburbs. "There are more mills, and they're better at what they do," Cook said. Recent raids by the special prosecutor, DEA, New York Police Department and New York State Police have resulted in multiple arrests and larger and larger seizures. They've also given colorful insight into current operations. □

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A Congresswoman's cause is often her husband's gain

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LAS VEGAS — At the University Medical Center here, alarms were set off three years ago — kidney transplants were failing at unusually high rates, and some patients were even dying. Federal regulators moved to shut down the kidney transplant program, but the proposed penalty brought a rebuke from Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., who helped lead a successful effort to get the officials from Washington to back down.

In pleading for a reprieve, Berkley and other members of Nevada's congressional delegation said they were acting on behalf of the state's families, citing dire health consequences if the program was halted. But the congresswoman's efforts also benefited her husband, a physician whose nephrology practice directs medical services at the hospital's kidney care department — an arrangement that expanded after her intervention and is now reflected in a \$738,000-a-year contract with the hospital.

Berkley's actions were among a series over the past five years in which she pushed legislation or twisted the arms of federal regulators to pursue an agenda that is aligned with the business interests of her husband, Dr. Larry Lehrner. In addition to the hospital contract, he operates a dozen dialysis centers in Nevada and has played a central role in an industry campaign to lobby members of Congress — including

his wife — on behalf of kidney care providers.

Lehrner helped build a political action committee that has regularly turned to Berkley to champion its causes. She has co-sponsored at least five House bills that would expand federal reimbursements or other assistance for kidney care, written letters to regulators to block enforce-

official use of power here to help him and the family — and I think that is unethical."

Berkley, who is now running for the Senate seat held by John Ensign until his resignation this spring amid an ethics scandal, declined an interview request for this article. But in a statement, she said she was an advocate for a broad range of health

"She is definitely aware of my positions, and the RPA's positions," he said in an interview, referring to the Renal Physicians Association, the trade group he has helped run. "We talk politics all the time. We talk medicine."

Congressional ethics rules are murky — lawmakers can take steps that financially benefit a spouse as long as

examination by The New York Times of how lawmakers forge particularly close ties to industries with an agenda in Washington.

A TROUBLING PATTERN

Shawn Rowlett, 40, showed up at the University Medical Center with his wife, pale and weak, four days after he had been discharged from the hospital's transplant center with a new kidney in February 2008. But now he was hemorrhaging, medical records show.

After seeing the hospital's chief transplant surgeon, Rowlett was left in the emergency room for five hours before being admitted, according to his wife, Dionne Rowlett. He died less than two hours later, court records show.

"The care was just horrible," Dionne Rowlett said in a recent interview, shortly after the hospital settled a malpractice suit for \$77,500 — the maximum amount allowed in Nevada because of a cap on malpractice payments from public hospitals. (Lehrner and his practice were not named in the lawsuit.)

Shawn Rowlett's death and four recent others in the first year after the surgery, as well as 10 transplant failures, were part of a troubling pattern — the death and failure rates were more than twice the expected level. That led the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to issue an order to revoke the certification for the hospital's transplant program — which does about 50 transplants a year — and cut off Medicare financing, effectively shutting the program down. □



Rep. Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.) attends a conference of the Blinded Veterans Association in Las Vegas, Aug. 17, 2011. In championing kidney care, Berkley has often taken actions that have benefited the business interests of her husband, a physician.

(Isaac Brekken/the New York Times)

ing rules or ease the flow of money to kidney care centers and appeared regularly at fundraising events sponsored by a professional organization her husband has helped run.

"This is a very serious conflict of interest," said James A. Thurber, a former congressional aide who has helped revise ethics rules and is now director of the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies at American University. "There is an

care causes and had never acted specifically to help her husband's practice.

"I won't stop fighting to give Nevadans access to affordable health care just because my husband is a doctor, just like I won't stop standing up for veterans because my father served in World War II," she said.

Lehrner, though, said he was unabashed about pressing his wife on issues that were important to his practice.

the benefit is broadly available and there is no "improper exercise of official influence."

Lobbying of lawmakers by their spouses is prohibited, but there is no ban on spouses' informally acting as industry advocates, like Lehrner, who is not a registered lobbyist.

The intermingling of Berkley's public and private life, though, is striking even among her peers on Capitol Hill, and surfaced in an

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WASHINGTON — Iran on Monday made its first counterproposal in two years to ease the confrontation with the West over its nuclear program, offering to allow international inspectors "full supervision" of the country's nuclear activities for the next five years, but on the condition that the mounting sanctions against Iran are lifted. The proposal came from Fereydoon Abbasi, the head of Iran's atomic energy agency, who was designated by the United Nations in 2007 as a scientist involved in Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile activities, and, as such, subject to a freeze on his assets and limitations on his travel. He narrowly escaped an assassination attempt last year. Abbasi's offer was vaguely worded. It was far from clear what he meant by "full supervision," after several years in which Iran has refused to turn over documents to the International Atomic Energy Agency or allow interviews of its most important nuclear scientists. The government has also restricted where inspectors could travel. Nonetheless, the overture is the first time since October 2009 that Iran has indicated a willingness to negotiate over the program, and one senior Obama administra-



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad briefs the media, prior to departing Tehran's Mehrabad airport for a trip to Tajikistan.

(AP Photo/Vahid Salemi)

tion official said that the offer "suggests that the sanctions are wearing on the leadership." Abbasi made his statement to the Iranian Student News Agency, which is considered a semi-official organ and has been used to convey changes of position in the past. "We proposed that the agency keep Iran's nuclear program and activities under full supervision for five years, provided that sanctions against Iran are lifted," he told the news agency. In recent weeks Russia has intervened in an effort to get Iran to make a serious offer to relieve some of the pressure on Iran, in part out of concern that the sanctions were sharply interfering with its energy trade with Iran. But there is also

worry that Iran's recent decision to move some of its uranium enrichment program to a well-protected underground site could encourage those in Israel who have pressed for military action before it is too late to slow the program. So far, the U.N. has issued four sets of sanctions, each intended to increase the economic pressure on Iran. But the effects have been spotty at best, and a run-up in oil prices this year essentially undermined much of the economic effects. Nonetheless, Iran has run into difficulties obtaining parts for its nuclear program, its ships have been denied insurance and its trade with much of Europe has been sharply restricted. □

Caribbean Briefs

Gov't extends state of emergency

TRINIDAD: Gov't extends state of emergency by 3 months to dismantle gangs, reduce crime

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — Authorities in Trinidad and Tobago have extended a state of emergency by three months, citing continued security concerns since the measure was first imposed last month to dismantle gangs and decrease crime.

During a rare Sunday sitting of Parliament to debate the extension, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar said the state of emergency has prevented "a criminal uprising of untold proportions" in the southern Caribbean country off Venezuela's coast.

The government first issued a state of emergency last month following a spike in violent crime that saw 11 murders in 48 hours. The measure involves an 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. curfew and gives security forces enhanced powers to search suspects and seize property without a warrant. Police and soldiers are patrolling crime hotspots in the two-island nation of 1.2 million people.

Initial UN probe discards assault

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — A preliminary U.N. investigation has found no evidence for allegations that Uruguayan peacekeepers raped an 18-year-old man, Uruguay's Defense Ministry says, but the troops broke rules by having a civilian in their barracks.

The incident, captured on a widely broadcast cell phone video, has created outrage in Haiti and aggravated mistrust between Haitians and the U.N. peacekeeping mission.

Haitian President Michel Martelly has "vigorously condemned" the act, calling it "an act that revolts the national conscience."

The Uruguayan military has removed its commander in Haiti and is pulling the peacekeepers involved back to Uruguay. A ministry announcement Sunday said those found to be directly responsible will be dishonorably discharged.

The jumpy cell phone video does not make clear if a rape occurred, but it shows several men in camouflage uniforms laughing as they pin down a young man on a mattress. The men seem to be saying "no problem" in Spanish as they hold the teen's arms and hands behind his back.

Cubans pay tribute to Casas

HAVANA (AP) — Thousands of Cubans paid tribute to late Defense Minister Julio Casas on Monday, filing silently past a larger-than-life photo of the fallen revolutionary as flags around the country flew at half staff. State television showed footage of President Raul Castro and other Communist Party leaders laying flowers in a show of respect. Casas, who died Saturday at the age of 75, ran the military's lucrative economic enterprises for decades before becoming defense minister.

An accountant by training, he fought in the revolution alongside Raul, and took part in Cuban military interventions in Africa.

Fidel Castro, who has not been seen in public since April, apparently did not attend the ceremony, but the former leader sent a floral offering that was prominently displayed.

Neither brother has issued public comments about Casas, but he has been hailed as a hero in state-run media since his death was announced. Cuba's Communist Party newspaper Granma stripped its front page of color on Monday and published historical photos of Casas's life. □



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Optimism in Libya on talks with remaining loyalists

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Only 14 of the 42 members of the National Transitional Council have come to Tripoli as yet. Rebel attention was focused on Bani Walid because figures from the government of Moammar Gadhafi were last seen fleeing there, about 100 miles southeast of Tripoli. Rebel forces continued to observe the one-week extension given to Bani Walid to surrender, and the rebels' acting minister of defense, Jalal al-Dghaili, said talks with Gadhafi supporters there were continuing, according to the chairman of the transitional council's media committee, Jalil Elgallal. Negotiations were continuing in the beleaguered holdout coastal city of Sirte as well, said Abdulrahman Busin, the military's press liaison. Rebel forces remained 60 miles from Bani Walid on both eastern and western approaches to the small city, but had left a road open to the north to allow families to flee if they wanted to do so, rebels at checkpoints near the city said. While rebels held their fire, NATO warplanes continued to attack, carrying out 52 airstrikes on Sunday, mostly in Sirte. There were none that day in Bani Walid. In Tripoli, more shops and businesses began to open, many rebel checkpoints disappeared from the streets, and celebratory gunfire diminished noticeably. The Libyan dinar's value soared against the dollar on the official market, leading to the collapse almost overnight of



A man helps firefighters put out a fire that destroyed a factory in Tripoli, Libya. On Monday, rebel forces converged outside of Bani Walid, one of Gadhafi's last strongholds about 90 miles southeast of Tripoli believed to be a hide out of prominent former regime officials. Rebels have held off a siege of the town waiting for an invite from its controlling tribe in an effort to avoid an inter-tribal fight. (Moises Saman/The New York Times)

a parallel or black market in the currency. While police have not yet taken over security duties from rebel fighters, the acting minister of the interior, Ahmed Darratt, said Monday that 40 to 50 percent of the police had returned to duty. Darratt also said that lists of corrupt policemen and those who had committed human rights abuses under Qaddafi had been compiled, but that they were a small number. "The vast majority of the policemen are serving the people and they are coming back." Ian Martin, an envoy from the U.N. secretary-general, met with interior officials to discuss technical cooperation on justice and human rights issues, and then visited the Jadida Prison, where rebel officials have

started to move prisoners from a variety of temporary facilities. There are 700 there, he said, about half sub-Saharan Africans and half Libyans, most accused of supporting the previous regime, although in many cases no specific charges had been levied. Martin said the authorities' openness contrasted favorably with the denial of human rights issues during Gadhafi's rule. "You have to say it's a new beginning in terms of access and denial," he said. "It's a transparency of access and recognition rather than denial that human rights are not being adequately protected, that there's a lot of serious work to do to get to a position where they're not detaining people arbitrarily." Black Afri-

can migrant laborers have complained that they are frequently subject to arbitrary arrest and accused

of having been mercenaries fighting for Gadhafi's forces. Water engineers from the rebels' stabilization committee in Tripoli announced that delivery of water to Tripoli via the Great Man-Made River, a network of pipes that brings water 500 miles from underground aquifers in the southern desert, had resumed as of 1 a.m. Monday. They said that some parts of Tripoli would need work on clogged pipes before the water reached everyone. The water problem "has been solved," said one engineer, Abdul Hakim Shweidy. He was among a team of nine engineers sent on what one rebel official, Alamin Belhaj, called "a secret mission," driving to the southern desert in modest cars to avoid drawing attention in areas still under Gadhafi control. □

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A bounty of documentaries at Toronto festival

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LOS ANGELES — “When I talk to you, it does not necessarily mean that I have to like you,” Werner Herzog, off-camera, can be heard telling the death-row inmate Michael Perry in the opening minutes of “Into the Abyss,” a new documentary about Perry’s execution in Texas last year for the murder of a 50-year-old nurse, Sandra Stotler.

“But I respect you, and you are a human being, and I do not think human beings should be executed.”

With that, Herzog begins to ask questions of Perry and those who had a stake in his life and death: Was it drugs? You had hopes? Why did the victims die?

It is a reporter’s drill, apparently designed less to resolve lingering questions about the crime — and the shotgun slaying on the same night of Stotler’s 16-year-old son and his friend — than to test Herzog’s antipathy toward the death penalty against a close encounter with murder and its consequences.

Speaking by telephone on Saturday, minutes after introducing “Into the Abyss” at the Telluride Film Festival in Colorado, Herzog said, “I am not in the business of guilt or innocence.”

The screening of his film marked the beginning of what promises to be a rich season for documentaries. On Thursday, Herzog and

his movie will be in Canada for the Toronto International Film Festival, where the reality-film genre will pass a milestone. For the first time in the Toronto festival’s 36-year history, a documentary, Davis Guggenheim’s “From the Sky Down,” about the band U2, will be featured at the opening night gala, on Thursday evening. “It’s a notable

and Alex Gibney’s “The Last Gladiators,” about brawling hockey players, are all looking to “crack open markets” outside of New York and Los Angeles, where the usual run of issues-oriented documentaries sell most of their tickets, Powers said. Other documentaries that will be screened at Toronto hew more closely to what many of their makers see



An undated handout image of a still from “Comic-Con Episode 4: A Fan’s Hope,” a documentary about the annual convention by Morgan Spurlock. The film is about the annual fantasy convention in San Diego.

(The New York Times)

marker of the way in which documentaries are growing in prominence, both at the festival, and in the culture,” said Thom Powers, a programmer who is responsible for documentaries at Toronto. This year, several documentaries at the Toronto festival have what Powers called a “populist” bent. Guggenheim’s rock documentary, Morgan Spurlock’s “Comic-Con Episode Four: A Fan’s Hope,” about an annual fantasy convention in San Diego;

as a core mission: to right perceived wrongs or to empower the powerless with the help of a camera.

In that spirit, the directors Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky will be in Toronto with “Paradise Lost 3: Purgatory,” the third in a series of films in which they have questioned the murder convictions of three men, including Damien Echols, who was on death row in Arkansas until a plea deal in August led to the release of all three. □

Experts suspect Iran involvement in new Dutch hacking case

TOBY STERLING

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Hackers who broke into a web security firm issued hundreds of bogus security certificates for spy agency websites including the CIA as well as for Internet giants like Google, Microsoft and Twitter, the Dutch government said Monday.

Information Technology experts say they suspect the hackers were probably cooperating with the Iranian government, and hundreds of thousands of private communications between Iranian Internet users and Google were likely monitored in August.

Roel Schouwenberg of Internet security firm Kaspersky said Monday night that the incident could have a larger political impact than Stuxnet — a computer worm discovered in July 2010 which targeted Siemens industrial software and equipment running on Microsoft Windows.

“A government operation is the most plausible scenario” he added.

The latest versions of browsers such as Microsoft’s Internet Explorer, Google’s Chrome and Mozilla’s Firefox are now rejecting certificates issued by the firm that was hacked, DigiNotar.

In a statement Monday, the Dutch government released findings that greatly expand the scope of the hacking attack that DigiNotar first acknowledged last week. External IT experts reviewing DigiNotar’s computer systems said the hack may have begun in June, not July as DigiNotar had previously asserted.

The experts said it had affected access not only to Google, but included 531 fake certificates for some 344 domains including sites operated by Yahoo, Facebook, Microsoft, Skype, AOL, Mozilla, TorProject, and WordPress, as well as spy agencies including the CIA, Israel’s Mossad and Britain’s MI6.

DigiNotar is one of many companies that sell the “SSL” security certificates widely used to authenticate websites and guarantee that communications between a user’s browser and a website are secure.

In theory, a fraudulent certificate can be used to trick a user into visiting a fake version of a website, or used to monitor communications with the real sites without users noticing.

But in order to actually pass off a fake certificate, a hacker must be able to steer his target’s Internet traffic through a server he controls. That’s something that only an Internet service provider can easily do — or a government that commands one. □

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Famine spreading fast in Somalia

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NAIROBI, Kenya – The United Nations announced Monday that Somalia's famine had spread to a sixth area within the country, with officials warning that 750,000 people could die in the next few months unless aid efforts were scaled up.

A combination of drought, war, restrictions on aid groups and years of chaos have pushed 4 million Somalis – more than half the population – into "crisis," according to the United Nations. Agricultural production is just a quarter of what it normally is, and food prices continue to soar.

"We can't underestimate the scale of the crisis," said Mark Bowden, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Somalia. "Southern Somalia is the epicenter of the famine area in the Horn of Africa. It's the source of most of the refugees, and we need to refocus our efforts."

In July, the United Nations declared that parts of southern Somalia had met the technical criteria of famine as defined by certain thresholds of death and malnutrition rates. Since then, the famine has slowly spread, covering a large chunk of the southern third of Somalia, including



Somali men from southern Somalia perform a funeral prayer over the body of a child in Mogadishu Somalia, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011. Famine has spread into one more region of Somalia and hundreds of Somalis are dying every day, according to the United Nations. About 750,000 more people may die from famine in the next four months if there is no adequate response, the U.N. Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit for Somalia said, an increase of 66 percent from July. The top humanitarian official for the Somalia described getting aid to the starving as a "race against time" and warned the famine would probably spread before the end of the year.

(AP Photo/Farah Abdi Warsameh)

parts of the capital, Mogadishu, and several farming areas, which means food production has been crippled.

On Monday, the United Nations added the entire Bay region, where nearly 60 percent of children are acutely malnourished, to the list of famine-stricken areas. When pushed for numbers on how many people have died across Somalia so far, Bowden said: "We can't give an exact figure, but we can say tens of thousands of people have died over the last three to four

months, over half of whom are children. That translates into hundreds a day."

Somalia has lurched from crisis to crisis since its central government collapsed in 1991. There have been more than a dozen attempts to restore a functioning central government, and the United Nations is currently holding a conference in Mogadishu to bring political leaders together to discuss future plans.

But much of southern Somalia is still ruled by the Shabab, an Islamist militant

group, which has forced out many large aid organizations and has even prevented starving people from fleeing drought areas. Although the International Committee of the Red Cross and several Muslim charities are bringing food aid to Shabab-controlled areas, residents there complain that gunmen steal much of the food. Similar complaints have been lodged in the government-controlled areas of Moga-

dishu.

Another rising concern is disease. Measles, cholera, malaria and typhoid have already begun to sweep through displaced persons' camps, where sick and starving people have congregated in the hopes of getting aid. Aid officials predict that the drought, which has hit Kenya and Ethiopia as well, will end in October, but the ensuing rains could raise the risk of waterborne and infectious diseases.

"A massive, multisectoral response is critical to prevent additional deaths and total livelihood/social collapse," said a statement Monday by the Famine Early Warning Systems Network and the Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit, which are financed by the U.S. government and the United Nations. "Assuming current levels of response continue, famine is expected to spread further over the coming four months." □



			
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Feathers catching the fancy of fashion insiders

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The fashion flock seems to have developed a fancy for feathers: They're decorating cocktail dresses and bohemian jewelry, and being braided into hair.

They're statements of femininity and luxury — without being too frilly, experts say. "I think feathers are the ultimate in flirtatiousness," says designer Peter Som. "There's a sense of movement, and feathers take color really well."

Guess that means the sky is the limit. Som likes to see a knee-length feathered skirt paired with a simple white menswear-style shirt or a camisole. "Show some leg," he advises, "and wear a strong shoe."

Naeem Khan, who has twice dressed Michelle Obama for black-tie state dinners, said in a phone interview with The Associated Press that he favors the "cloud effect" you'll get from ostrich feathers on a grand-entrance gown.

A stiffer feather — perhaps a rooster feather — can add a bit of a rock 'n' roll texture to a skirt or vest, Khan adds, and other feathers can be used on outerwear for warmth. "I've used them in a practical way, on vests and jackets and capes. You can use them like fur."



A feather creation, part of the Emilio Pucci Fall/Winter 2011 collection, is presented in Milan, Italy. The fashion flock seems to have developed a taste for feathers. They're decorating cocktail dresses with them and using it for bohemian jewelry, and they're even being braided into hair.

Meanwhile, designer Pamela Roland's favorite feathered look from her fall collection is a jersey dress with lace sleeves

several times worn a feather capelet with a simple black dress. With most of her clients in Florida and California, she notes that it's nice to have feathers as a fur alternative. "These ladies love to dress up, but you can't really wear fur in the sunbelt. ... You can wear feathers year-round — maybe white feathers for spring and black for winter." Look for style commentator Mary Alice Stephenson to be wearing this fall a delicate top tipped with feathers around the neckline to offset masculine, high-waisted trousers, or a feather tank under a jacket with a pencil skirt. "Feathers inject glamour into clothes that are more straightforward, edgy or masculine," she says. She also gushes over Alexander Wang's sexy, strappy sandals with a pouf of pink feathers at the toe. "My feeling about feathers is, if they're done in a subtle, sensual way, then it's something you want to embrace for fall," Stephenson says. But too many tufts run the risk of a Big Bird effect. "That's easy for me to say, being 6 feet tall.

If I was swathed all over in feathers it would be too much," Stephenson says. "Taking the runway to your life is about seeing feathers at the Pucci fashion show, and you see how to wear a

feather purse from Talbots, or a statement necklace with a feather, or even feather shapes or prints."

Lots of people are trying out the trend in their hair, reports Brenda Pederson, stylist at the Oscar Blandi Salon in Manhattan. There's been a burst in requests over the past two months, she says. It takes just a few minutes to thread a feather into dry hair. "Most of the process is deciding where you want it to be and what color you want. ... I think it's a new trend, makes people happy. It's quick and easy, and it's not a big commitment like a new hairstyle," Pederson says. She had a purple one in her own hair for three weeks, although the feathers can last up to six. Mostly tweens, teens and 20-somethings are getting it done, but one woman in her 50s came in — and looked great when she walked out, Pederson says. "It looks good on every type of hair and hairstyle.

It's not for the conservative, though."

When "American Idol" stylist Soyon An first used feathers on Crystal Bowersox last year, she had to get them from a craft store because they weren't readily available; now they seem like they're everywhere. "It's not just for the stage — or even just for your hair or earrings," says An.

"I think feathers are a great look for an event or cocktail party." On the more casual, approachable side, she's seeing feather prints on T-shirts and bags inspired by bohemian, Indian and Peruvian looks, especially in color combinations with turquoise, white and brown. □

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ORANJESTAD - InselAir, the Curacao-based airline that operates in the Pan-American region announced today that it has started with a Comfort Class onboard as an attractive new option next to the regular Economy Class. In its five years of existence the airline has been operating all its flights with only economy class throughout the aircraft. Starting September 5th 2011, the entire InselAir fleet except for the Embraer-Banderaintes will continue with an Economy and Comfort Class onboard.

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In the case of the Missing American Woman

Suspect to appeal 60 day detention

ORANJESTAD, Aruba -- A Maryland man, detained in Aruba in connection with the disappearance of an American woman, filed an appeal Monday to a recent ruling keeping him behind bars for another 60 days.

Gary Giordano's lawyer said the appeal hearing will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m.

A three-judge appellate panel will affirm the earlier ruling and keep Giordano in custody or else set him free.

The 50-year-old Giordano was taken into custody by Aruban police on August 5, three days after Robyn Gardner, 35, who is also from Maryland, was last seen near Baby Beach on the western tip of the Caribbean island.

After a detainment hearing last week, an Aruban magistrate ruled that Giordano continue to be incarcerated in the case.

The magistrate's brief order did not elaborate on the decision beyond saying the suspect, identified by his initials of G.V.G., was "suspected of involvement in the possible drowning of the American woman," and that the custody extension "was done on request of the Prosecutor's Office." The magistrate's decision was not the first time that Aruban justices assented to prosecutors' request to keep Giordano in custody. On August 15, a judge ruled that there was enough evidence to keep Giordano detained for another 16 days as police continued to investigate Gardner's suspected death.

Gardner has not been found, although search efforts are ongoing.

The missing woman and the suspect arrived on the island July 31 from the United States, according to Aruban prosecutors.

Giordano, of Gaithersburg,

Maryland, told authorities that he was snorkeling with Gardner and signaled to her to swim back, according to a statement from the prosecutor's office. When he reached the beach, Gardner was nowhere to be found, he allegedly said.

According to a transcript of a police interview, Giordano told police that he feared for his life when he signaled for Gardner to turn back and didn't look for her as he swam for shore.

"I only looked back when I hit a rock," the document quotes Giordano as telling investigators. "Before that,



I did not look back. I was only busy saving my life." Giordano has told authorities that he is the ben-

eficiary of a \$1.5 million accidental death insurance policy tied to Gardner, a local official said. □

Cruise line to compensate displaced passengers

Stranded passengers flown to Aruba



ORANJESTAD – Royal Caribbean International has backed off on its policy that says it won't compensate passengers for weather events that alter a cruise. Royal Caribbean drew criticism after 130 people booked to sail on the *Serenade of the Seas* on August 21 were stranded in San Juan after the ship departed early to avoid Hurricane Irene. The cruise line is keeping mum on the amount of compensation. "We are in the process of contacting those guests who were not able to sail with us to inform them of their compensation, and would prefer that the impacted guests learn of the amount directly from the line before it is disclosed publicly,"

said spokeswoman Cynthia Martinez. "We are compensating these passengers," she added, "because we understand that this was an unusual situation, and we want to provide our guests with another opportunity to sail with Royal Caribbean International in the near future." Fifteen passengers who had booked their air through Royal Caribbean were provided hotel accommodations in San Juan on August 21 and 22, along with air transportation to Aruba on August 23, where they boarded the *Serenade* which also stopped in St. Kitts on the Friday instead of the usual Tuesday. RCI said these passengers also will be compensated with a future cruise certificate for 30 percent of the cruise fare they paid. □

Join in Bon Bini Festival



ORANJESTAD - The weekly Bon Bini Festival takes place tonight at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminastraat. Come mingle with the locals and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture. This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruba caha di orgel by Crystal, folkloric music by Tipico Los Amigos, dance performance by Youth in Action, trio performance by The Heart Breakers, poem declaimed by Kathleen Farro, soloist Quincy Hasham and steelpan band The New Generation.

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and traditional local arts and crafts on sale.

Arubus has regular busses from all hotels areas to Oranjestad Central Terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is \$2.30. The festival is from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Entrance fee is \$3.

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SANTA CRUZ – This weekend, the popular Reggae band Soja will be live in Concert at the Piedra Plat Entertainment Center. Black Sheep Apparel Aruba has the tickets to the unique evening on Saturday, September 10th.

Jacob Hemphill (lead vocals & guitar) met Bobby Lee (bass) in the first grade in Virginia, shortly after Jacob returned from living in Africa with his family. The two instantly became best friends, and in middle school found a common love for hip hop, rock and reggae music.

Throughout middle and high school, they met Ryan Berty (drums), Patrick O'Shea (keyboards) and Kenneth Brownell (percussion). Together they formed SOJA. In the formative years the band gigged locally in the DC area while a couple of the guys finished school.

All the while making plans to hit the road after graduation...

In 2005 the band hit the road... and they hit the road hard. Often dubbed "road warriors", SOJA has brought their unique sound

and stage show to nearly every city in North America, as well as many cities throughout Europe, South America, the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean.

While touring in Puerto Rico the band linked up with sax player Hellman Escorcia & trumpet player Rafael Rodriguez. These two exceptional musicians earned their position as SOJA's mainstay horn section by helping further develop the band's eclectic sound.

With no signs of slowing down - SOJA is planning a world tour for 2011/2012 in support of their upcoming album release. It's all about the message in the music for this band.

"People think we write music about the earth for the earth's sake, but it's not really like that. If we harm the earth, it will reject us. For all we know, it's happened one hundred times before. This place gets too hot, that's it. Reset button. That's why I sing what I sing - to pull us all in the same direction, the same future. Without that, we're finished (Jacob Hemphill)."

There is no doubt about it. This band is on the fore-

front of a Revolution with hopes to bring about positive change: environmentally, politically and socially. "Maybe we need to WANT to fix it. Maybe stop talking, maybe start listening. Maybe we need to look at

this world less like a square and more like a circle. Maybe just maybe God's not unfair, maybe we're all his kids and he's up there.

Maybe he loves us for all our races, maybe he hates us when we're all so rac-

ist. Maybe he sees us, when we don't care, that it's heaven right here, but it's hell over there. Then maybe the meek will inherit this earth, cause it was written before... so..." Everything Changes - SOJA. □



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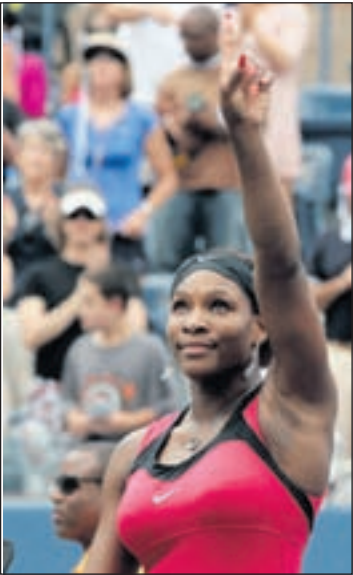
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SPORTS

Aruba TODAY



Serena Williams gestures to the crowd after her match against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia during the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

Williams Advances

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Serena Williams needed just 74 minutes to return to the U.S. Open quarterfinals Monday, beating 2008 French Open champ Ana Ivanovic 6-3, 6-4.

Already having let a big early lead slip away, Williams was facing a break point and in danger of falling behind Ivanovic, a former No. 1.

A six-stroke exchange ended with Ivanovic netting a forehand to make the game score deuce. Up near the net, Williams held up a clenched fist and yelled: "Come on!"

It's a rallying cry often heard from the 29-year-old American. Whether that sort of in-your-face yell is meant to frighten opponents or not, it appeared to have that very effect. Williams took the next two points, too, starting a run of five consecutive games that allowed her to regain the upper hand in a 6-3, 6-4 victory over the 16th-seeded Ivanovic on Monday.

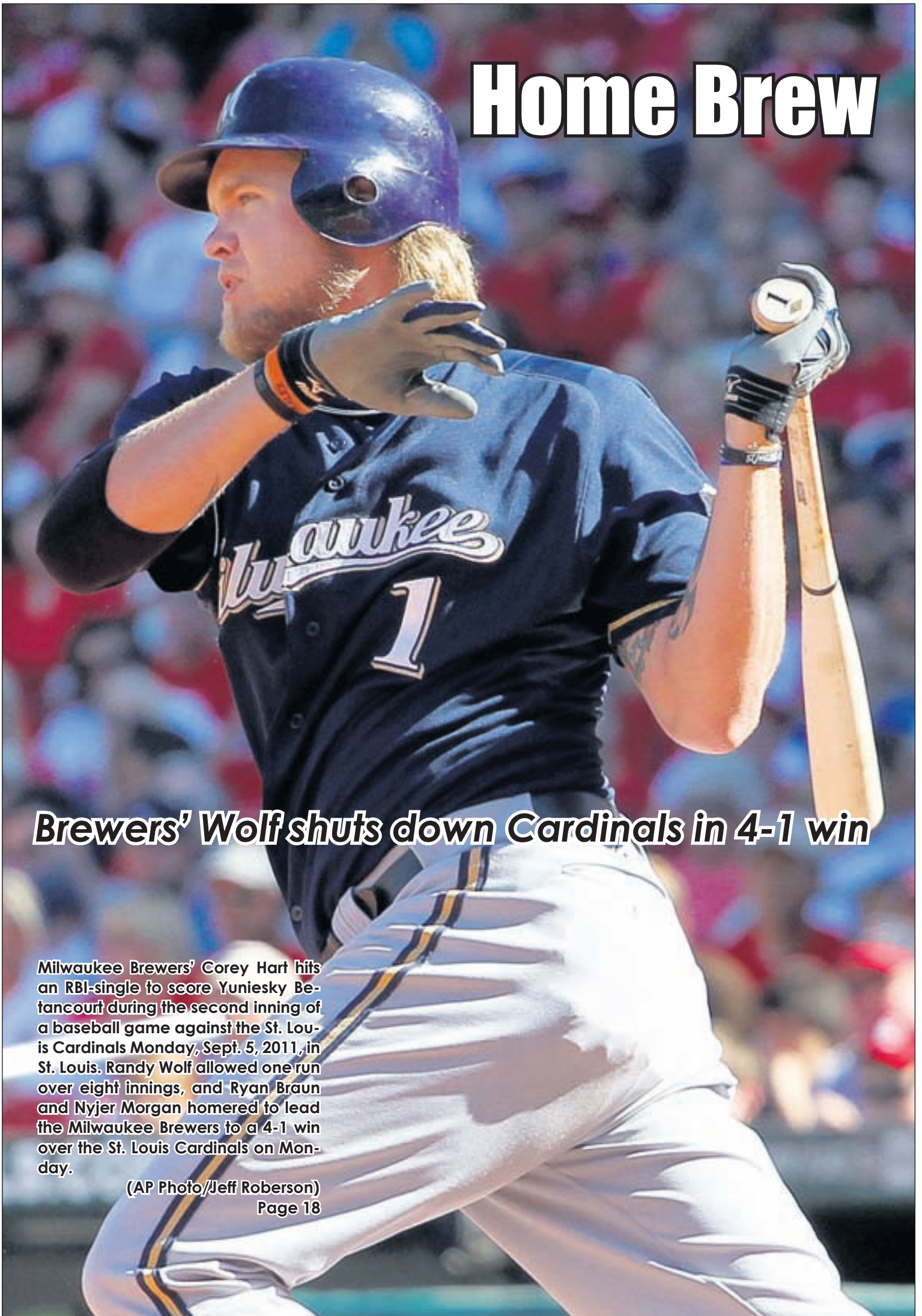
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Home Brew

Brewers' Wolf shuts down Cardinals in 4-1 win

Milwaukee Brewers' Corey Hart hits an RBI-single to score Yuniesky Betancourt during the second inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, in St. Louis. Randy Wolf allowed one run over eight innings, and Ryan Braun and Nyjer Morgan homered to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday.

(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)
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Brewers' Wolf shuts down Cardinals in 4-1 win

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ST. LOUIS (AP) — Randy Wolf allowed one run over eight innings, and Ryan Braun and Nyjer Morgan homered to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday. The Brewers won their fourth straight to move 10 1/2 games ahead of St. Louis in the National League Central, equaling their largest lead of the season. Wolf (12-9) gave up four hits, struck out five and walked two as he improved to 6-1 with a 3.11 ERA in his last eight starts. The left-hander allowed two hits over his final six innings, and had two infield singles.

John Axford pitched a perfect ninth to record his 41th save in 43 chances.

Cardinals starter Jake Westbrook (11-8) gave up three runs and nine hits in six innings. He tied a career high



Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Randy Wolf throws during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, in St. Louis. The Brewers won 4-1.

(AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

with nine strikeouts.

Diamondbacks 10, Rockies 7. At Denver, Geoff Blum homered and Wade Miley

tossed seven strong innings as Arizona beat Colorado.

Justin Upton homered and Paul Goldschmidt had three RBIs for Arizona, which has won three straight and

12 of 13. Blum had three hits and three RBIs.

The Diamondbacks held a seven-game over San Francisco in the NL West.

Dexter Fowler homered from both sides of the plate, and Mark Ellis and Troy Tulowitzki also connected for Colorado.

Arizona scored five runs in the sixth to break open a close game.

Nationals 7, Dodgers

At Washington, Michael Morse hit two of Washington's four home runs and John Lannan pitched into the sixth inning to break a four-start losing streak in a win over Los Angeles.

Morse, Ian Desmond and Jayson Werth all went deep in the first inning as Washington grabbed a 4-1 lead.

The Nationals had dropped 10 of 12, while the Dodgers came in winners of 11 of 13. All four homers — Morse hit No. 26 in the sixth inning — came against Hiroki Kuroda

(11-15), who entered with a career-high four-game winning streak. The right-hander had a season-high nine strikeouts, but gave up five runs and eight hits in six innings.

Lannan (9-11) allowed one run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Pirates 3, Astros 1

At Pittsburgh, Ryan Doumit had three hits as Pittsburgh's James McDonald pitched into the eighth inning for the first time this season.

Josh Harrison added two hits and Derrek Lee hit his 16th homer as the Pirates won for the third time in four games. It was Lee's fourth homer since he was acquired in a trade with Baltimore on July 30.

Joel Hanrahan worked the ninth for his 35th save.

Henry Sosa (2-3) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings for the Astros, who have lost four straight. □

Nadal practices the day after leg cramps erupt

NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Nadal was back at practice Monday, the day after a bout with leg cramps interrupted his post-match news conference at the U.S. Open.

In a scary scene during interviews following his win Sunday, Nadal started grimacing and slipped out of his chair while calling for a trainer. After receiving brief treatment, he was smiling, saying it was nothing more than leg cramps.

On Monday, the defending champion posted a picture from his practice session on his Facebook page, along with the message: "Hi, after yesterday's incident, that you all know, and all the mess around, I share a picture of today's practice (almost 2 hours). Now waiting to know the time I play. Thanks everybody for your support!"

Nadal plays his fourth-round match Tuesday afternoon against unseeded Gilles Muller. □



Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts to pain during a press conference after his match against David Nalbandian of Argentina during the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011. Answering questions in Spanish, Nadal suddenly started grimacing in pain. He tilted his head back, covered his face with his arm. After a few nervous moments, Nadal popped back up. A simple leg cramp, he insisted.

(AP Photo/Andrzej Kentla)



Serena Williams of the U.S. while competing Ana Ivanovic of Serbia during their fourth round women's singles match at the U.S. Open tennis tournament at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York, Sept. 5, 2011. Williams defeated Ivanovic with a score of 6-3, 6-4.

(Barton Silverman/The New York Times)

Williams

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Asked afterward whether she tries to be intimidating on court, 13-time Grand Slam champion Williams replied: "No, I don't try. I just am."

Ivanovic insisted Williams didn't bother her with anything she said: "Not at all; I mean, I was screaming some 'Come ons,' the Serb explained.

But what about the way Williams plays? That's another matter entirely.

"She does try to intimi-

date," 2008 French Open champion Ivanovic said.

"She stays close to the baseline so you feel like you have no space to hit to."

And then there's Williams' serve, which is generally regarded as the most effective in women's tennis and delivered nine aces and permitted only one break against Ivanovic.

"I just have confidence in it. It's a weapon," said Williams, whose pal, filmmaker Spike Lee, sat in her guest box. "I'm just like, 'OK, I'm going to hit an ace here.' I hit an ace." □

Webb Simpson rallies to win Deutsche Bank



Webb Simpson, right, celebrates with his caddie Paul Tesori after winning against Chez Reavie with a birdie on the second playoff hole in the final round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Monday, Sept. 5, 2011.
Associated Press

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Massachusetts

(AP) — Webb Simpson finished off an amazing comeback with three birdies, the final one on the second extra playoff hole, to win the Deutsche Bank Championship on Monday for his second title in three weeks.

On a day filled with big crowds and big moments appropriate to the FedEx Cup playoffs, Simpson delivered a stunning conclusion on the TPC Boston.

He looked as if he would be the runner-up until knocking in a 30-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole for a 6-under 65. That put him into a playoff when Chez Reavie, who had birdied the toughest holes on the back nine, made bogey on the easiest hole on the course at No. 18 for a 66. The finished regulation at 15-under 269. On the 18th hole in the playoff, Simpson again looked to be out of luck when Reavie chipped to tap-in range for birdie. But Simpson rolled in a 15-foot putt to keep the playoff going, and then won with an 8-foot putt on the

17th hole.

Simpson won his first PGA Tour title three weeks ago at the Wyndham Championship, putting him in good shape for the FedEx Cup playoffs and the chase for a \$10 million prize.

"I told somebody early this week that I feel like next time I was in contention, it'll be a lot easier than Greensboro," Simpson said. "And it wasn't that way at all. It was just as hard. The shots and the putts were just as hard. I think it helped calm me down a little, but it was like I had never won a golf tournament before."

Now, he goes to No. 1 in the standings and is assured of being among the top five when the FedEx Cup concludes at the Tour Championship at the end of the month. "I thought winning the second time would be easier," Simpson said.

That was never the case on a breezy Labor Day south of Boston, a final round so scrambled that seven players — including world No. 1 Luke Donald — had a share of the lead at some point. Simpson one-putted seven of his last eight greens,

mostly for par on the back nine in regulation to stay in the hunt, then received just enough help from Reavie.

The win was filled with perks, beyond his ranking in the FedEx Cup race. Simpson locked up a spot on the Presidents Cup team in Australia, and moves to No. 14 in the world. Reavie, who started the season on a medical exemption from knee surgery last year and won't get his full PGA Tour status back until January, came roaring up the leaderboard on the back nine. He made four birdies in a six-hole stretch — including on the toughest par 3 at No. 11 and the toughest hole at No. 14 — and was poised to capture his second PGA Tour title until one wedge cost him. He laid up on the 18th with a one-shot lead and Simpson already finished, but his wedge sailed over the green, and his 10-foot par putt for the win grazed the side of the cup. The runner-up finish still moves Reavie to No. 9 in the FedEx Cup, assuring him a spot in the Tour Championship — and in three majors next year, including the

Masters. "Unfortunately, my wedge didn't quite work out," Reavie said. "But all in all on the day, I played fantastic." Brandt Snedeker, who closed with a 61 last week to tie for third, went out in 30 to take the lead until getting wild off the teed on the back nine. He had to settle for a 66 and another tie for third. Donald, who matched birdies and eagles with Simpson in regulation, fell apart with a double bogey on No. 12 and a tee shot over the 16th green that led to bogey. He closed with a 67 and tied for third, along with Jason Day, who had a 68.

Bubba Watson, who had a one-shot lead going into the wild final day, chipped in for eagle on the final hole to salvage a 74 that put him

in a tie for 16th, seven shots behind. The drama wasn't limited to the final holes.

The top 70 in the FedEx Cup advance to the third playoff event in two weeks outside Chicago, and some big names were on the cusp of missing out.

Ernie Els, who barely qualified for the playoffs and then narrowly made it to the second stage in Boston, made two key par putts and finished with a 5-foot birdie over his last four holes to move up to No. 68 and advance. "You screw up on the 18th leading and now you're going to finish second and you're going to have a \$600,000 check," Els said. "Here, I'm going home. It's a bad place to be, but it's a good place to come back from." □



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Yanks win 5th straight behind Montero, Cano

AL Roundup

NEW YORK (AP) — Jesus Montero broke a fifth-inning deadlock with his first major league home run, then hit a two-run drive in the seventh to help the New York Yankees outlast the Baltimore Orioles 11-10 Monday for their fifth straight win.

Robinson Cano sparked the comeback from a 5-2 second-inning deficit with his third grand slam in less than a month.

Montero broke an 8-all tie when he homered deep into the right-field seats on the second pitch from Jim Johnson (5-5) leading off the fifth. Montero then followed Russell Martin's seventh-inning single off Johnson with another opposite-field drive to right, putting New York ahead 11-8.

Aaron Laffey (2-1) got two outs for his first win since the Yankees claimed him off waivers from Seattle on Aug. 19. Mariano Rivera gave up Ryan Adams' two-out RBI single in the ninth, then struck out J.J. Hardy with runs on second and third for his 38th save in 43 chances.

***Blue Jays 1, Red Sox 0, 11 innings**

At Toronto, Brett Lawrie homered in the 11th inning to help Toronto beat Boston and end a three-game losing streak.

Lawrie homered to center off Dan Wheeler (2-2) with two outs in the 11th, his eighth homer since being called up from minor league Triple-A Las Vegas on Aug. 4.

Shawn Camp (3-3) pitched one scoreless inning for the win.

Boston lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Red Sox starter Josh Beckett left in the fourth inning with a sprained right ankle and was replaced by right-hander Alfredo Aceves.

***Tigers 4, Indians 2**

At Cleveland, Doug Fister struck out a career-high 13 and Victor Martinez hit a three-run homer as Detroit downed Cleveland to extend its American League Central lead to 7 1/2 games.



New York Yankees' Jesus Montero hits a two-run home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles Monday, Sept. 5, 2011 at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Yankees defeated the Orioles 11-10. New York Yankees' Jesus Montero hits a two-run home run during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles Monday, Sept. 5, 2011 at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Yankees defeated the Orioles 11-10.

Associated Press

Fister (7-13) improved to 4-1 in seven starts since being acquired from Seattle on July 30. The right-hander gave up an earned run and four hits over eight innings.

Jose Valverde pitched a perfect ninth for his 41st consecutive save, extending his team record and helping the Tigers improve to 14-4 since holding a 1 1/2-game lead on the Indians on Aug. 19.

Martinez drove a 2-2 pitch from Ubaldo Jimenez (2-2) 420 feet into the right-field seats for a 3-0 lead in the fourth.

***Rays 5, Rangers 1**

At St. Petersburg, Florida, James Shields pitched a four-hitter for his major league-best 11th complete game to lead Tampa Bay past Texas.

Shields (14-10) struck out six and walked two.

The only run he allowed scored on Michael Young's grounder with one out in the ninth.

Shields also became the first AL pitcher since Randy Johnson in 1993 to have at least 200 strikeouts and

10 complete games in the same season.

Evan Longoria and B.J. Upton homered for the Rays, who are 24-13 since July 28. The victory was the 500th overall for Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon.

Texas starter Scott Feldman (1-1) gave up four runs and four hits in five innings.

***White Sox 2, Twins 1, 1st game**

At Minneapolis, Philip Humber pitched seven scoreless innings and Juan Pierre had three hits and scored a run as Chicago ended a four-game losing streak.

Brian Dinkelman had a career-high three hits for the Twins, who have lost three straight and seven of 10.

Humber (9-8) was making his first start since Aug. 18 when he was struck above the right eye by a line drive. He gave up six hits, struck out six and did not walk a batter.

Matt Thornton pitched a scoreless 1 1/3 innings, and Sergio Santos allowed one run in the ninth before Chris Sale earned his sixth save in seven chances.

Royals 11, Athletics 6. □

Leandro scores winner as Brazil beats Ghana 1-0



Brazil's Ronaldinho, left, takes a free kick against Ghana as teammate Lucas Leiva watches during their international soccer match at Craven Cottage, London, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Sang Tan)

STEVE DOUGLAS

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Ronaldinho made a winning return to the Brazil team as Leandro Damiao's first international goal earned the five-time world champions a 1-0 victory over 10-man Ghana on Monday, easing some of the pressure

on under-fire coach Mano Menezes. Internacional striker Leandro marked his first start for Brazil by collecting a through-ball by midfielder Fernandinho and slotting home a low finish in the 44th minute, settling a friendly that had a one-sided feel after the sending-off of defender

Daniel Opare 10 minutes earlier.

After a slow start to his first appearance for the Brazilians in 10 months, Ronaldinho grew in stature and capitalized on the extra space afforded by Opare's dismissal to dip into his vast collection of skills and tricks in an impressive second-half showing.

The two-time world player of the year brought out a couple of top-class saves from Ghana goalkeeper Adam Kwarasey from whipped free kicks and produced a sensational drilled cross in the 86th minute for substitute Alexandre Pato, whose header was tipped over the bar.

"Ronaldinho is a player we needed to bring back into the team," Menezes said. "International football is much faster nowadays and he found it a bit difficult at the beginning. "But then he got into the rhythm

and showed what he is all about in the second half. He played really well."

Menezes has come under severe pressure after his team was eliminated from the Copa America at the quarterfinal stage this summer. This was only a second win in six matches for Brazil. Ronaldinho's impressive season with Flamengo in the Brazilian league demanded a recall to the national team, with Menezes caving in to public pressure to bring back a player whose best days are arguably behind him. Whether the flamboyant forward will still be around for the 2014 World Cup on home soil is another question. For in the first half at Fulham's Craven Cottage ground in southwest London, the game largely passed him by as Ghana's midfielders asserted their authority, often in a manner referee Mike Dean often found too robust. □



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European clubs prepare strategy to take on FIFA

GRAHAM DUNBAR
AP Sports Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Around 150 European football clubs began a two-day meeting Monday to agree their strategy for getting a better deal from FIFA.

The semiannual European Club Association gathering comes after its chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge publicly criticized Sepp Blatter, and questioned the newly re-elected FIFA president's authority to lead world football.

Rummenigge, the Bayern Munich chief executive, has called for a democratic "revolution" in how football is run that gives clubs more influence. Top of the

agenda for Rummenigge's members is cutting FIFA's international fixture calendar, the document that demands when they must hand over players for national team duty.

One option likely to be discussed in Geneva is reducing the size of qualifying groups for future World Cups and UEFA-run European Championships.

ECA members could propose that European countries play in four-team groups to reach the 2018 World Cup. Most of UEFA's 53 members were drawn in six-team groups to allocate Europe's 13 places at the 2014 tournament in Brazil, with only winners qualify-

ing directly. The best group runners-up advance to a playoff round, adding up to 12 fixtures in a 15-month period. A format of 13 four-team groups could send all first-placed nations directly to the 2018 tournament in Russia having played just six qualifying fixtures.

With the current FIFA calendar set through the 2014 World Cup, Europe's clubs quickly want to establish their right to help negotiate the next one. Clubs argue that playing fewer international matches, especially widely unpopular friendlies, will keep their employees fitter and fresher to represent them. Blatter, who was voted back into office by



Iran's Ali Karimi, left, kicks the ball during a training session in Doha Monday, Sept. 5, 2011. Iran will play against Qatar in the third round of Asian qualifying for the 2014 World Cup today. (AP Photo/Osama Faisal)

national federations, has suggested players could play fewer matches by reducing the size of Europe's leagues — likely hitting clubs' earning potential.

He was worried when many star players seemed too tired to perform well at the 2010 World Cup, FIFA's signature event which earns the governing body almost 90 percent of its \$1 billion-plus annual income.

Rummenigge and the ECA also want a bigger slice of FIFA's World Cup profits, firstly by Blatter's organization underwriting an insurance policy to cover the salaries of players injured on international duty.

FIFA currently pays clubs at a daily rate for using their players at the World Cup. Payments were agreed in a 2008 peace deal which gave ECA official recognition to represent clubs but that accord with FIFA and UEFA expires in July 2014. □



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Personal Health:

When lapses are not just signs of aging

JANE E. BRODY

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Who hasn't struggled occasionally to come up with a desired word or the name of someone near and dear? I was still in my 40s when one day the first name of my stepmother of 30-odd years suddenly escaped me. I had to introduce her to a friend as "Mrs. Brody."

But for millions of Americans with a neurological condition called mild cognitive impairment, lapses in word-finding and name recall are often common, along with other challenges like remembering appointments, difficulty paying bills or losing one's train of thought in the middle of a conversation.

Although not as severe as full-blown Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, mild cognitive impairment is often a portent of these mind-robbing disorders. Dr. Barry Reisberg, professor of psychiatry at New York University School of Medicine, who in 1982 described the seven stages of Alzheimer's disease, calls the milder disorder Stage 3, a condition of subtle deficits in cognitive function that nonetheless allow most people to live independently and participate in normal activities.

One of Reisberg's patients is a typical example. In the 2 1/2 years since her diagnosis of mild cognitive impairment at age 78, the woman learned to use the subway, piloted an airplane for the first time (with an instructor) and continued to enjoy vacations and family visits. But she also paid some of the same bills twice and spends hours shuffling papers.

Dr. Ronald C. Petersen, a neurologist at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., described mild cognitive impairment as "an intermediate state of cognitive function," somewhere between the changes seen normally as people age and the severe deficits associated with dementia.

While most people experi-

ence a gradual cognitive decline as they get older (only about 1 in 100 lives long without cognitive loss), others experience more extreme changes in cognitive function, the neurologist wrote in The New England Journal of Medicine in June. In population-based studies, mild cognitive im-

pairment has been found in 10 percent to 20 percent of people older than 65, he noted. Petersen described two "subtypes" of the condition, amnesic and non-amnesic, that have different trajectories. The more common amnesic type is associated with significant memory problems and within five to 10 years usually – but not always – progresses to full-blown Alzheimer's disease, he said in an interview. "Subtle forgetfulness, such as misplacing objects and



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would have remembered easily, such as appointments, telephone conversations or recent events that would normally interest them," like the outcome of a ballgame would a sports fan.

The forgetfulness is often obvious to those who are affected and to people close to them, but not to casual observers.

The less common nonamnesic type, which is associated with difficulty making decisions, finding the right words, multitasking, visual-spatial tasks and navigat-

ing, can be a forerunner of other kinds of dementia, Petersen said.

In general, Reisberg said, "mild cognitive impairment lasts about seven years before it begins to interfere with the activities of daily life."

THE CORRECT DIAGNOSIS

Distinguishing mild cognitive impairment from the effects of normal aging can be challenging. Typically, new patients take a short test of mental status, provide a thorough medical history and are checked for conditions that may be reversible causes of impaired cognition. Problems like depression, medication side effects, vitamin B12 deficiency or an underactive thyroid can mimic the symptoms of mild cognitive impairment.

Other tests, like an MRI or CT scan of the brain, can look for evidence of a stroke, brain tumor or leaky blood vessel that may be impairing brain function.

It is natural, Petersen said, for patients and their families to want to know whether and how quickly the disorder might progress. While patients decline by about 10 percent each year, on average, certain factors are associated with more rapid progression. Among these are the presence of a gene called APOE (EPSILON)4, more common among patients with Alzheimer's disease; a reduced hippocampus, a region of the brain important to memory; and a low metabolic rate in the temporal and parietal regions of the brain.

Amyloid plaques in the brain, while a hallmark of Alzheimer's disease and a predictor of progression, have also been found at autopsy in people with perfectly normal cognitive function.

PRESERVING COGNITIVE FUNCTION

Despite a number of clinical trials that tested various medications, no drug to treat mild cognitive impairment has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration. □

From 1 donor, 150 children

JACQUELINE MROZ

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Cynthia Daily and her partner used a sperm donor to conceive a baby seven years ago, and they hoped that one day their son would get to know some of his half siblings – an extended family of sorts for modern times.

So Daily searched a Web-based registry for other children fathered by the same donor and helped to create an online group to track them.

Over the years, she watched the number of children in her son's group grow.

And grow.

Today there are 150 children, all conceived with sperm from one donor, in this group of half siblings, and more are on the way. "It's wild when we see them all together – they all look alike," said Daily, 48, a social worker in the Washington area who sometimes vacations with other families in her son's group.

As more women choose to have babies on their own, and the number of children born through artificial insemination increases, outsize groups of donor siblings are starting to appear.

While Daily's group is among the largest, many others comprising 50 or more half siblings are cropping up on websites and in chat groups, where sperm donors are tagged with unique identifying numbers.

Now, there is growing concern among parents, donors and medical experts about potential negative consequences of having so many children fathered by the same donors, including the possibility that genes for rare diseases could be spread more widely through the population. Some experts are even calling attention to the increased odds of accidental incest between half sisters and half brothers, who often live close to one another. □

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Electric car makers split over what to do with refuse

JAMES KANTER

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HOBOKEN, Belgium – With fleets of electric cars starting to hit the roads, the next mother lode for salvage companies is expected to be the expensive, newfangled batteries powering them. Yet even as automakers extol the ways these cars can benefit the environment, they are divided over how best to handle the refuse: recycle or repurpose. That is worrying some companies involved in "urban mining" – a term for extracting valuable metals from all kinds of discarded electronic equipment. They have already begun spending to build an infrastructure to handle the flood of partly depleted battery packs that is expected to enter the waste stream. Frost & Sullivan, a market research company, put the number at 500,000 a year by the early 2020s.

"There is no green car without green recycling," said Ghislain Van Damme, a manager at Umicore, a company based here that is one of the world's largest recyclers of precious and specialty metals from electronic waste.

Companies that do not plan for recycling face "brand damage" at the least, he said, and the possibility of fines and legal action if the batteries were illegally incinerated or dumped in landfills. In many cases, automakers will be responsible for final disposal of the batteries – even if they did not make them – because of stricter laws governing recycling, especially in Europe. Any urgency in developing recycling capacity has been damped, however, by cost. The newest, most

powerful lithium-based batteries are also less valuable to recycle than earlier ones. Lithium is plentiful compared with the nickel and cobalt found in hybrid and all-electric car batteries developed earlier, even if the main sources of the metal, in Chile and other countries, are far from auto production centers. "You can count on a constant and growing thirst for metals including lithium," said P. Aswin Kumar, an analyst with Frost & Sullivan. "But lithium still costs about five times more to recycle than to mine, so environmental laws will drive recycling for now."

Shoebox-size lead-acid batteries have powered ignition and lighting in gasoline- or diesel-powered cars for decades. They already are widely recycled, mainly because lead poses such a health hazard.

The batteries for hybrid and all-electric cars are far more powerful and much larger, with some weighing as much as 550 pounds. They also can be a car's most expensive component, mostly because of the complexity of making them rather than the value of the materials.

Complicating disposal, much energy remains stored even in partly discharged batteries. Such batteries could deliver harmful shocks and pose a serious fire hazard if mishandled.

For now, automakers are going their own ways. Toyota Motor, with experience dating to 1998, soon after the introduction of the RAV4 all-electric vehicle, has established partnerships in Europe and the United States to recycle

batteries, including from the hybrid Prius. This year, it began shipping some batteries from Prius models sold in the United States to Japan to take advantage of a more efficient recycling process there.

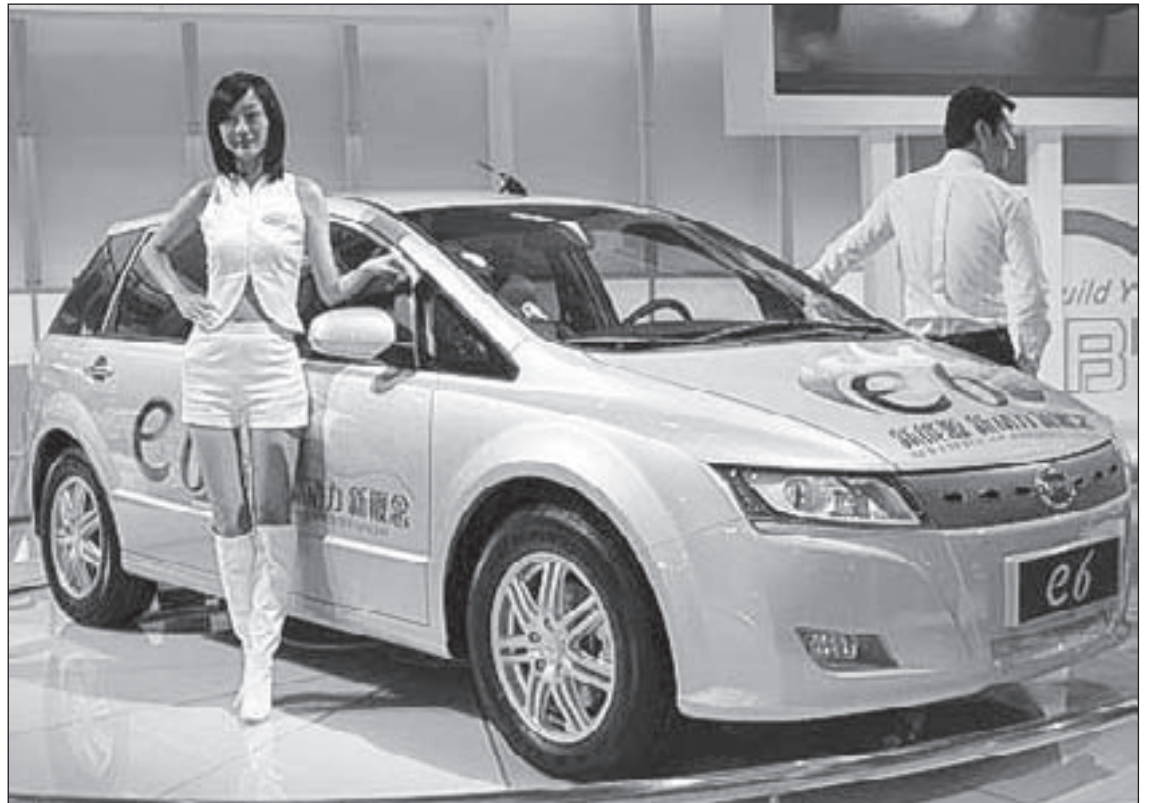
Honda Motor recycled nearly 500 batteries in 2009

use.

Bayerische Motoren Werke, known for its premium BMW line, is still researching whether to recycle or reuse the batteries from its Mini E, an all-electric car it began leasing on a limited basis in 2009.

Meanwhile, some govern-

German government gave Chemetall, which is part of a consortium called Litho-Rec that includes Volkswagen and its Audi unit, 5.7 million euros, or \$8.2 million, of the 14.3 million euro cost. This year the British government granted 500,000 pounds, or \$813,000, for a



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from the electric hybrid models it began selling in Japan more than a decade ago. But it is still exploring ways to structure that part of its business as it introduces models like the Insight and the CR-Z.

General Motors and Nissan Motor, whose Chevrolet Volt and Nissan Leaf are newer to the market, are taking a different tack. They have agreements with power companies to develop ways to reuse old batteries, perhaps for storing wind or solar energy during peak generating times for later

ments have begun to get involved to make sure their car industries are not undermined by sourcing or safety issues.

In the United States, the Energy Department has granted \$9.5 million to TOXCO to build a specialized recycling plant in Ohio for electric vehicle batteries. It is expected to begin operation next year, handling batteries from a variety of makes and models.

Another plant being built in Lower Saxony, Germany, is expected to open at the end of the month. The

similar project to a group of companies including Axion, which makes lithium-based car batteries.

Such recycling "is entirely nonexistent in the U.K. at the moment," said Lawrence Berns, the chief executive of Axion.

This month, Umicore plans to formally open a 25 million euro plant here near Antwerp that can recover nearly all of the elements in electric and hybrid car batteries, including cobalt, nickel, lithium and even rare earth metals like neodymium. □

Emirates Airline bets on glamour

CHRISTINE NEGRONI
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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates – Judging from the popularity of the Broadway show “Boeing Boeing” and plans for a television series based on the world of Pam Am stewardesses, the public seems to long for the days when airlines prided themselves on their flight attendants and the pampering they provided.

Those days are long gone for most carriers. But some long-haul airlines are betting that service that harks back to the glory days of flying will give them an edge. Emirates Airline is one of them. The airline, one of the fastest growing carriers in the world, plays a crucial role in making Dubai the center of a network that links the West and the East. It is using the image of an Emirates flight attendant – her smiling face beneath the signature red hat – on its website, on advertisements and even on duty-free shopping bags to make the point, as one airline executive put it, that the service provided by Emirates is of “the utmost significance.”

“It is what we are judged on more than anything else,” said the executive, Terry Daly, a senior vice president at the airline. Shashank Nigam, chief

executive of SimpliFlying, which provides branding advice to airlines and airports, said in an email that delivering a level of cabin

ates is growing so quickly, it is in constant need of more flight attendants. So far, it has had little trouble recruiting them from

you say, “I work for Emirates,” she said, “It’s magic. Everyone will treat you with respect.” Blake Celestino just joined

tendants have just over a month to earn an international safety certificate while learning how to apply makeup flawlessly and turn an airplane trolley into an attractive display of duty-free products.

To accommodate the 60 to 120 recruits who arrive each week, the training center runs 16 hours a day. For the first few days, students just get acclimated to the blazing heat and ubiquitous sand. They live in an apartment complex in an area of Dubai where camels graze near the parking lots. Catherine Baird, the senior vice president for cabin crew training, said that when the trainees see the camels, it sinks in that they are a long way from home.

Baird is equal parts cheerleader and mother superior. “We know you can do this job,” she tells them at a morning assembly shortly after they arrive, “because you are brilliant.” But she is also tough, if, for instance, she sees a student in uniform with her long hair loose. “We don’t want anything to be too distracting from the hat, from the logo,” said Helen Roxburgh, a training manager of the signature hat with the silky cream-colored scarf that is evocative of the Arabic veil. □



A handout photo of cabin crew members, with Emirates Airline, during a uniform class at the Emirates Aviation College, in Dubai, Aug. 16, 2011. Emirates, which provides mostly long-haul flights, is one of a half dozen airlines trying to gain an edge on their competition by cultivating an elegant image of its cabin crew.

(Emirates via The New York Times)

service and high product quality “gives Emirates a sustainable competitive advantage.” He added, “For an airline providing mainly long-haul flights, the in-flight experience becomes supremely important.” Emirates is one of a half dozen airlines, including Virgin Atlantic and Singapore, that cultivate an elegant image for their cabin crew. Because Emir-

around the world. “It’s a fun, glamorous job,” said Nicole Domett, chief executive of Travel Careers and Training in Auckland, New Zealand, who has sent a few students to Emirates. “For those who have that confidence and thrill of adventure, I mean, wow, it’s really exciting.” Mona Issa, for instance, was a doctor in Egypt before joining Emirates. “The way people look at you when

the airline from Australia, while Maurine Moraa of Kenya decided to quit her job working for a nongovernmental organization to fly for Emirates. The job has also been a safety net for people like Mohamed Jaber, a 31-year-old American who was laid off from JPMorgan Chase in the economic downturn. Newly hired cabin at-

Bond fund’s gains help buoy support for money manager

KEVIN ROOSE
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Twelve jurors will decide the fate of Jeffrey E. Gundlach, the star fixed-income manager, in the civil trial pitting him against his former employer, Trust Company of the West.

But investors in Gundlach’s new firm seem to have already returned a verdict. DoubleLine Capital, the money manager started by Gundlach after he was fired from TCW, said last week that it had passed \$10 billion in its flagship bond fund, raking in more than \$1 billion in August alone. The firm’s total assets jumped to \$15 billion. In a weak

and volatile market, such gains would be notable for any firm. But they are especially impressive given that DoubleLine is less than two years old and Gundlach has spent the past several weeks embroiled in a bitter high-stakes lawsuit with his former firm. TCW has sued Gundlach for more than \$375 million in damages, asserting that he took confidential client data and proprietary trading platforms to DoubleLine. Gundlach has countersued TCW, claiming that his former employer plotted to fire him. He also contends that he is owed more than half a billion dollars in fees from the TCW

funds he oversaw. More than 40 TCW employees followed Gundlach to DoubleLine after he was fired in December 2009.

The trial, which is expected to last until mid-September, is unusual in that it happened at all, since most white-collar employment disputes are settled quietly out of court. But it is also remarkable for the personal and splenetic nature of the case being made against Gundlach.

Lawyers for TCW have tried to show that Gundlach, who has called himself “the Pope” and “the Godfather,” was a brash renegade bent on sabo-

taging the firm. So far, witnesses called by TCW have testified that Gundlach mocked his bosses openly, disparaged colleagues in other divisions, and was akin to a “cultural cancer” at the firm. In an attempt to show he was unfit to represent clients, TCW also tried to use evidence found in Gundlach’s office after he was fired. Those items are said to include dozens of pornographic magazines and videos, drug paraphernalia, and a handful of sexual devices. But Judge Carl J. West ruled that the items were immaterial to TCW’s case and would not be admitted. But even the

most damning details don’t seem to have dissuaded DoubleLine’s investors. “I don’t care about the stuff about pornography and drugs in his desk,” said one DoubleLine investor, who spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to avoid angering the firm. “The guy has the returns.” Another investor, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that his only concern had been that the trial would distract Gundlach from running DoubleLine’s funds. But he said the firm’s recent announcement about hitting the \$10 billion mark had assuaged that fear. □

Bankers urge leaders to move on debt crisis

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PARIS – As the stock and bond markets seem eerily similar to the dark days of 2008, Jean-Claude Trichet and Mario Draghi, the current and incoming chiefs of the European Central Bank, pointedly urged European leaders to move quickly to ensure that the euro zone's debt crisis does not become seriously worse. Europe needs to "make a quantum step up in economic and political integration," Draghi said as the bond yields of Greece, Italy and other countries with weak finances jumped Monday amid investor fears that such efforts might be failing. He and Trichet addressed a forum in Paris that focused on the world three years after the collapse of Lehman Brothers. Stock markets in Europe and Asia slumped Monday amid worries about the health of the U.S. economy and Europe's sovereign debt woes. U.S. markets, which were closed for the Labor Day holiday Monday, were expected to open lower Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2.2 percent Friday after a government report that no net jobs were created in August. President Barack Obama will deliver a jobs speech Thursday, a day before the Group of Seven wealthiest nations meet in Marseille to discuss the European and U.S. economies. Washington wants to make sure that headwinds from Europe's crisis do not cross the Atlantic while the U.S. economy remains weak. Draghi's call goes to the heart of what politicians now acknowledge is a root cause of Europe's crisis, but that few seem ready to change: the lack of a federal fiscal union that would make the eurozone look more like the United States. □

Doctors discover the benefits of business school

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Under heavy pressure from government regulators and insurance companies, more and more physicians across the country are learning to think like entrepreneurs.

As recently as the late 1990s, there were only five or six joint M.D./MBA degree programs at the nation's universities, said Dr. Maria Y. Chandler, a pediatrician with an MBA who is an associate clinical professor in the medical and business schools at the University of California, Irvine. "Now there are 65," she said.

Mark V. Pauly, a longtime leader of the health care management program at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, said, "A light bulb went off and they realize that health care is a business."

Dr. James S. Kuo, 47, said he was a third-year medical student at Penn when he decided to go to business school, too. After receiving his M.D. and master of business administration degrees, he jumped to a Wall Street job with a large health care venture capital firm.

Kuo went on to manage several health care funds and later led several small health care companies. Now he is chief executive of Adeona Pharmaceuticals, a company based in Ann Arbor, Mich., that is developing innovative medicines for the treatment of serious diseases of the central nervous system.

He is also nonexecutive chairman of MSK Pharma, a private company in La Jolla, Calif., that is led by his wife, Dr. Geraldine P. Kuo. She is a specialist in muscular-skeletal medicine at the Veterans Affairs health care system in San Diego.

"In her work, she came across a medical need and an innovation to solve that need," he said.

One of the latest universities to consider a combined program is Creighton, a Jesuit university in Omaha, which plans to begin offering a joint degree next summer. Anthony R. Hendrickson, dean of Creighton's school of business, said the

program would be flexible, based on each student's academic and business experience and personal goals.

He said total tuition would be \$191,688, including four years of medical school and a year of business studies. At Duke, the total cost of tuition for medical school and a year and a half of business studies is \$235,244. Creighton, like many universities with business schools, also offers part-time courses for physicians alongside its classic short courses for executives of all types.

Statistics about the joint programs are sparse, said Chandler, who is president of the Association of M.D./

ciently involved. They have a fuller insight about what is needed."

"Cue the theme music from 'Jaws,'" said Pauly, of Wharton. "Entrepreneurs have to know how to navigate with the desire of payers to hold down prices and control uses in health care."

He added: "They have to know how to please pointy-headed bureaucrats. This is going to be one of the survival skills in the future in health care."

Not all physician entrepreneurs come from the joint programs, of course. There are also business school graduates like Dr. Wendy Robbins, a fourth-generation doctor, who did her

postgraduate residency at Johns Hopkins University.

Then she was hired as an anesthesiologist and pain doctor at the University of California, San Francisco. Through her husband, who has a business degree from Wharton, she met venture capitalists. "They offered to fund the stuff coming out of my lab," she said.

She left academics and started her first company, NeurogesX, which commercializes pain medicines. After five years, she left the company and took a teaching job at Stanford because, she said, she wanted to stay in touch with students and patients. Her advice to entrepre-



Dr. James Kuo, chief executive of Adeona Pharmaceuticals, and Dr. Geraldine Kuo at their home in San Diego. Under heavy pressure from government regulators and insurance companies, more and more physicians are discovering their inner entrepreneur.

(Sandy Huffaker/The New York Times)

MBA Programs. But she estimated there were as many as 500 students total in the programs. Some, like Tufts and Texas Tech, offer the combined program in four years, she said, and many programs offer special aid packages.

"All physicians need some kind of business training," she said. "For example, some physicians with large research grants don't know how to manage the money."

As for the nation's troubled health system, "we are not running the business side very well," Chandler said. "Part of the problem is we don't have physicians suffi-

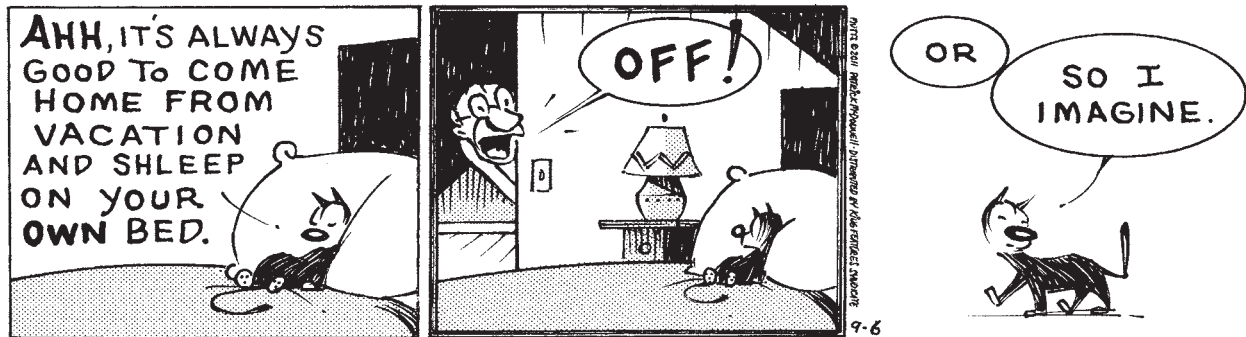
undergraduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and later earned her M.D. at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Now she is president and chief executive of Limerick BioPharma, a small startup in south San Francisco, that works on transplant-associated metabolic diseases, specifically Type 2 diabetes. She founded Limerick with business partners in 2005. With strong grades and support from the head of her medical faculty, she said, she was accepted as an intern at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and then for a

neurs-in-waiting: "Take a risk, step into the unknown," Robbins says. "Don't be afraid to fail. I've made plenty of mistakes and had plenty of disappointments. I keep getting up and trying."

Dr. Barry R. Silbaugh, chief executive of the American College of Physician Executives, a professional society that provides medical education courses and career counseling, said more startups were being run by doctors. Most of the college's 10,000 members work in hospitals and insurance companies as chief medical officers and medical directors. □

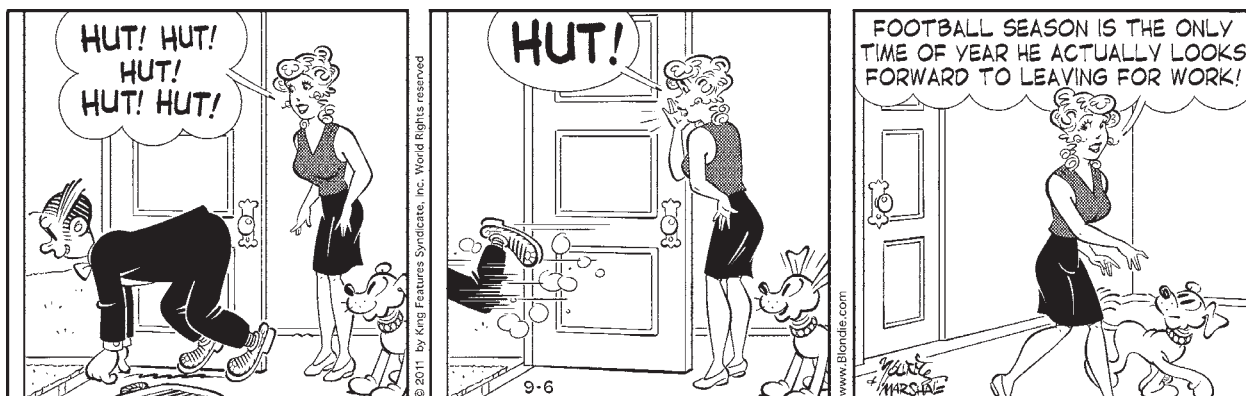
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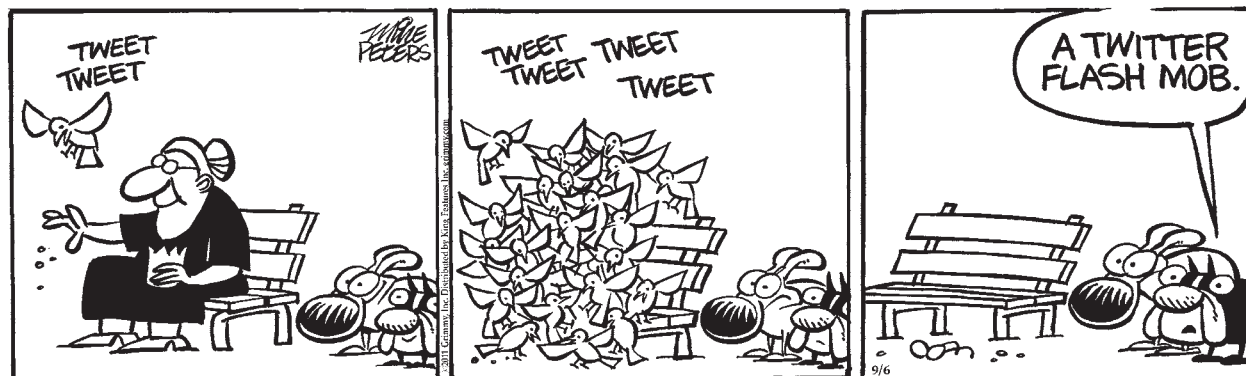
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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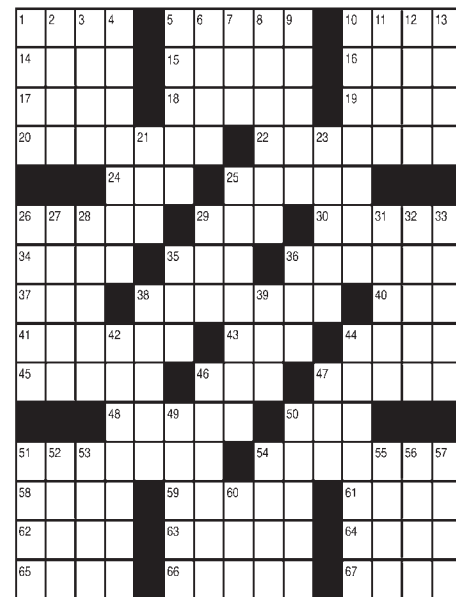
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ACROSS

- Mediocre
- Keeps out of sight
- Custard pie
- Actor Sharif
- ___ squash; winter veggie
- Racing sled
- Merge; blend
- Ms. Zellweger
- Miners' discoveries
- Penetrated
- Tidliest
- St. Louis football player
- Antlers
- Dandruff's spot
- Dog's foot
- Papa
- Sacred
- Traffic tie-up
- Shy; reserved
- Go on stage
- Those from Down Under
- Sheep's cry
- Seashores
- Diet cola
- Ax handle
- Unit of fineness for gold
- Stein or Stiller
- Heckles
- Food chopper
- Baby bear
- Actor Tracy
- Widespread food shortages
- Yarn
- Cavalry sword
- Rising & falling of the waves
- Donation for the poor
- Lopsided
- Seaweed
- Mrs. Truman
- Leases a flat
- Abound

DOWN

- Partial amount
- Somber sign
- ___ and pepper
- Hospital worker
- Sultan's wives



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Monday's Puzzle Solved

DOVE	SLIDE	VAST
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AMAZE	GIT	
SECURE	BRAYED	
PAUSE	AHEAD	RIB
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TEA	WOMEN	BIDES
DREARY	DANISH	
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Today In History

Tuesday, September 6
The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, September 6, the 249th day of 2011. There are 116 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1565 - Spanish troops arrive from Sicily, forcing Turks to abandon siege of Malta.

1620 - Pilgrims sail on the Mayflower from Plymouth, England, to settle in the New World.

1688 - Turks lose Belgrade to Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I, whose forces subsequently occupy Bosnia, Serbia and Wallachia.

1813 - French under Marshal Michel Ney are defeated by Prussians at Dennewitz in Germany.

1901 - U.S. President William McKinley is shot by an anarchist and dies eight days later.

1909 - American explorer Robert Peary sends word that he has reached the North Pole five months early.

1926 - Chiang Kai-shek's forces reach Hankow in his northern campaign in Chinese civil war.

1930 - President Hipolito Yrigoyen of Argentina is toppled by a military coup.

1941 - Jews over the age of six in Germany are forced to wear yellow stars of David.

1944 - The German V-2 missile, the precursor of modern ballistic missiles, is used for the first time, against Paris.



Today is Roger Water's birthday

1965 - India invades West Pakistan, the modern-day Pakistan, and bombs city of Lahore.

1966 - South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd is stabbed to death by a deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

1968 - Kingdom of Swaziland gains independence from Britain.

1970 - Palestinian guerrillas seize control of three jetliners which are later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews are evacuated.

1975 - More than 2,300 people are killed by an earthquake in eastern Turkey.

1982 - Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon presses Lebanese authorities to conclude a formal peace treaty with Israel. If they do not, he warns, Israel will create a buffer zone in southern Lebanon, using some of that country's land.

1986 - Two Arab terrorists kill

21 Jewish worshippers and themselves in an attack on a synagogue in Istanbul, Turkey.

1991 - Soviet Union recognizes the independence of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

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1999 - Indonesia imposes martial law in East Timor as thousands of people flee the province and pro-Indonesian militias continue a wave of terror.

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Some 3,000 miles away, however, a visitor led into the pitch-blackness of Chris Kyriakakis' audio lab at the University of Southern California to hear a recording of the performance would have no way to know how big the room was.

At first it sounded like elegant music played in the parlor on good equipment. Nothing special. But as engineers added combinations of speakers, the room seemed to expand and the music swelled in richness and depth, until finally it was as if the visitor were



Microphones are secured inside each ear of “Kemar”, a dummy used to study sound as it’s heard by humans in Audyssey Laboratories at University of Southern California, in Los Angeles, July 13, 2011. Researchers are using psychoacoustics, the study of sound perception by the human auditory system, which has been used in designing hearing aids and cochlear implants, to create the next great audio system for homes or theaters.

(David Ahnholz/The New York Times)

sitting with the audience in Boston. Then the music stopped and the lights came on. It turned out that

the Immersive Audio Lab at USC's Viterbi School of Engineering is dark, a bit dingy, and only 30 feet wide, 45 feet long and 14 feet high. Acousticians have been designing concert halls for more than a century, but Kyriakakis does something different. He shapes the sound of music to conform to the space in which it is played. The goal is what Kyriakakis calls the "ground truth" – to replicate the original in every respect. "We remove the room," he said, "so the ground truth

can be delivered.” Kyriakakis, an electrical engineer at USC and the founder and chief technical officer of Audyssey Laboratories, a Los Angeles-based audio firm, could not achieve his results without modern sound filters and digital microprocessors. But the basis of his technique is rooted in the science of psychoacoustics, the study of sound perception by the human auditory system. “It’s about the human ear and the human brain, and understanding how the hu-

man ear perceives sound," Kyriakakis said.

Psychoacoustics has become an invaluable tool in designing hearing aids and cochlear implants, and in the study of hearing generally.

"Psychoacoustics is fundamental," said Andrew J. Oxenham, a psychologist and hearing expert at the University of Minnesota. "You need to know how the normally functioning auditory system works – how sound relates to human perception."

The field's origins date back more than a century, to the first efforts to quantify the psychological properties of sound. What tones could humans hear, and how loudly or softly did they need to be heard?

Pitch could be measured in hertz and loudness in decibels, but other phenomena were not so easily quantified. Human hearing can discern the movement of sound with a surprising degree of accuracy. It can distinguish timbre, the difference between a clarinet and a saxophone. It can remember patterns of speech, to immediately identify a friend in a phone call years after last hearing the voice. And a parent can effortlessly sift the sound of an infant's cry from the blare of a televised football game.

Finally there were the imponderables, things we do with our hearing simply because we can.

"Everyone knows the sound of a bowling ball as it rolls down the alley," said William M. Hartmann, a Michigan State University physicist and former president of the Acoustical Society of America. "What is it about that sound that we can identify?" □

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'The Help' puts in overtime at No. 1 with \$19M

DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "The Help" stayed on the job over Labor Day, finishing as the No. 1 film for the third-straight weekend.

The acclaimed drama about Southern black maids speaking out during the civil-rights movement took in \$19 million over the long holiday weekend, according to studio estimates Monday.

That raised the film's do-

in years."

Best among the newcomers was Focus Features' Holocaust-revenge thriller "The Debt" at No. 2 with \$12.6 million from Friday to Monday. "The Debt" stars Helen Mirren and features "The Help" co-star Jessica Chastain.

The Weinstein Co. sci-fi horror tale "Apollo 18" opened at No. 3 with \$10.7 million. Another fright flick, Relativity Media's "Shark Night 3D," debuted at No. 4 with

on which it is based, which became a literary phenomenon through word-of-mouth among readers.

The film began solidly with a No. 2 opening, then rose to its three-week reign at No. 1 as fans talked it up to friends. "The Help" gave Hollywood a slight boost over Labor Day weekend a year ago. Overall domestic revenues for the four days came in at \$139 million, up 5 percent from the same weekend last year, when



File - In this undated file film publicity image released by Disney, from left, Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis are shown in a scene from "The Help." "The Help" continues to clean up at the box office, taking over the No. 1 spot with \$20.5 million in its second weekend.

(AP Photo/Disney, Dale Robinette, File)

mestic total to \$123.4 million. "The Help" also has begun rolling out overseas, pulling in \$1.7 million in its first international market, Australia.

A DreamWorks Pictures release distributed by Disney, "The Help" has been a triumph amid a rush of late-summer duds that ended Hollywood's busiest season. Another batch of new movies this weekend packed in modest to small crowds.

"The Help" is literally in a league of its own at the end of a summer movie season where the competition was virtually non-existent," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst for Hollywood.com. "It's a really good movie that happened to land in the perfect spot at the perfect time. They are really just reaping the benefit of the worst dog days of August that we have seen

\$10.3 million.

A handful of other movies opened in narrower release well outside the weekend's top 10, including Visio Entertainment's golf drama "Seven Days in Utopia," which stars Robert Duvall and Lucas Black and pulled in a modest \$1.6 million.

Pantelion Films' action comedy "Saving Private Perez" debuted with \$830,000, while Samuel Goldwyn Films' sex comedy "A Good Old Fashioned Orgy" opened with just \$153,000.

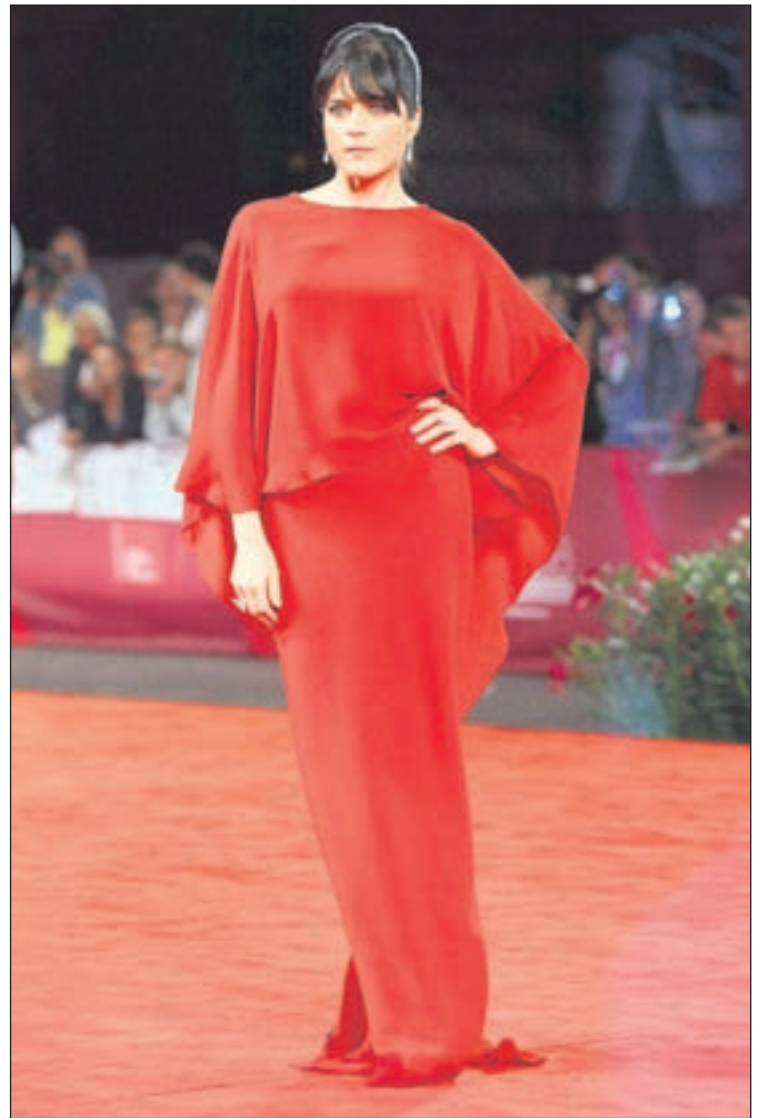
While holdover films almost always have big drops in revenue in subsequent weekends, "The Help" did the same business this past Friday to Sunday as it did a week earlier.

Starring Viola Davis, Emma Stone and Octavia Spencer, "The Help" has followed the path of the book

"The American" opened at No. 1 with \$16.7 million, according to Hollywood.com. Domestic receipts from the first weekend in May through Labor Day finished at about \$4.38 billion, up a fraction from summer 2010 revenues, Hollywood.com estimates.

But factoring in this year's higher ticket prices, actual movie attendance was down slightly, the fourth-straight summer that admissions have dropped.

Overseas, the family smash "The Smurfs" continued to dominate, pulling in \$23.3 million to pad its international total to \$295.8 million and its worldwide haul to about \$430 million. "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" ran second internationally with \$19.4 million, lifting its overseas take to \$186.5 million and its worldwide total to about \$350 million. □



Actress Selma Blair arrives for the premiere of the film *Dark Horse* at the 68th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Joel Ryan)

Todd Solondz leans mainstream in new indie film 'Dark Horse'

SHERI JENNINGS

Associated Press

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Independent filmmaker Todd Solondz is leaning toward the mainstream in his latest film "Dark Horse," but the irony and insight into dysfunctional families which fans loved in his earlier work remain common place.

Solondz, in a news conference Monday at the Venice Film festival, compared his latest film, starring Mia Farrow and Christopher Walken, to American comedies like "Knocked Up" and "The 40-Year-Old Virgin."

But with the comparison came a warning.

In the movie business "the manchild has been an over-used genre," he said. "Frankly if *Dark Horse* was the end of those movies I would feel I could go to sleep a happy man," he said.

He describes "Dark Horse," about a college dropout mama's boy called Abe — portrayed by Jordan Gelber — as being imbued with a "kind of melancholy."

The film — much of which is reminiscent of other work "Happiness" and "Life During Wartime" — charts the story of a boy who doesn't totally want to grow up. "As much as it's comedy of sorts, I never really laugh," Solondz said of the film.

"It's sorrowful and there is a kind of melancholy ... the main character has so many troubles and serious misfortunes that befall him I feel a kind of tenderness for Abe," he said. Abe, in his 30s, lives at home and works listlessly at the real estate company of his father, played by Walken. His life is the opposite of his successful brother, a doctor, played by "The Hangover" star Justin Bartha. Farrow plays Abe's mother. □

Firth happy playing 2nd fiddle in 'Tinker, Tailor'

SHERI JENNINGS

Associated Press

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Best Actor Oscar winner Colin Firth says he was all too happy to step aside and take a supporting actor role for his "meaty" new part in "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy." "It was great to have something that was meaty

main character, retired spy George Smiley.

"Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy," directed by Tomas Alfredson — the Swedish director of 2008 vampire film "Let the Right One In" — is among entries vying for the top "Golden Lion" prize at the festival's conclusion this Saturday. Alfredson's inter-

I am optimistic about (the film) having an enormous audience."

Audiences may be surprised that Firth opted for a supporting role — and less on screen time — given his domination of the screen as Britain's King George VI in "The King's Speech." Likewise, in "A Single Man"



Actor Colin Firth, right, and Livia Giuggioli arrive for the premiere of the movie *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*, at the 68th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

enough to get my teeth into, but let other people do the heavy lifting." Firth told journalists at the Venice Film Festival Monday. "It's basically all I did last year and it suited me very well."

Firth — who won the Oscar for "The King's Speech" and was nominated for the same award for "A Single Man" — plays the calm, collected intelligence agent Bill Haydon, a counterpoint character to the films lead Gary Oldman, playing the

pretation of the John Le Carre Cold War spy yarn is a slow-brewing, elegant retelling of the classic novel. But will audiences fall for a subtly paced spy drama that unravels to reveal betrayal and retribution without the sexy antics of a James Bond film, or the action packed scenes of a "Bourne Identity?"

"There is a tendency to underestimate audiences," Firth said at a news conference. "People don't just want 'slash and burn' — so

in 2009, Firth's character, a homosexual contemplating suicide after the death of his lover, monopolizes the story — a performance that won him best actor honor that year in Venice.

Oldman's mannered performance as Smiley offers an anchor in this complex whodunit that focuses on the inner-workings of the UK's elite M16 intelligence agency, which needs to cover up — or prove — the existence of a highly placed Soviet mole. □

MDA telethon hosts:

Lewis gone but not forgotten

OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The hosts of the 46th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon say Jerry Lewis has retired from the yearly fundraiser — the organization's first comments since announcing the beloved icon's departure last month.

Lewis publicist Candi Cazau declined comment to The Associated Press when told of the comments to open the telethon on Sunday. Co-host Nigel Lythgoe said during his opening comments on the telethon that he didn't realize Lewis was thinking about retirement during the show last year, when the comedian of-

fered Lythgoe his seat during a break in the fundraiser. Entertainment journalist Jann Carl followed Lythgoe by saying Lewis retired from the telethon this year.

MDA spokesman Jim Brown declined comment beyond the hosts' remarks, but said the telethon would include at least one more nod to Lewis. □



In this Saturday, July 19, 2003 file photo, Italian tenor Salvatore Licitra performs in a concert on the Great Lawn in New York's Central Park. Salvatore Licitra has died in the Garibaldi Hospital in Catania, Sicily, Monday morning, Sept. 5, 2011, without ever regaining consciousness after a motorscooter accident last month.

(AP Photo/Jennifer Szymaszek, File)

Italian tenor Salvatore Licitra dies in Sicily

FRANCES D'EMILIO

RON BLUM

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Salvatore Licitra, a tenor known in his Italian homeland as the "new Pavarotti" for his potent voice and considerable stamina, died Monday at age 43 after spending nine days in a coma following a motorscooter accident in Sicily.

Catania's Garibaldi Hospital, announcing the death, said Licitra never regained consciousness after suffering severe head and chest injuries in the Aug. 27 accident. Doctors had said Licitra crashed his scooter into a wall near the town of Ragusa, apparently after suffering an interruption of blood to the brain while driving.

The hospital said Licitra's family agreed to make his organs available for transplant.

"So very sad to say goodbye to Salvatore Licitra. I will miss you," soprano Deborah Voigt, a frequent onstage partner, wrote on her Facebook page.

In separate comments emailed to The Associated Press, Voigt wrote: "This is just heartbreaking. Salvatore was a great singer, but he was also just a really lovely guy. Always ready for a laugh, always light in spirit."

The singer recalled that Licitra was her "first Dick Johnson," referring to the tenor role in Puccini's "La Fanciulla del West" at the San Francisco Opera in 2010. Voigt sang the role of Minnie in the opera, and she reminisced how Licitra had "held my hand every moment as I stumbled along slaughtering his language!"

"His passing in the fullness of his career hurts," the La Scala opera house wrote in its own announcement of the tenor's death. La Scala noted that Licitra debuted in the famed Milan venue in the 1998-1999 season, with maestro Riccardo Muti conducting him in Verdi's "La Forza del Destino." But it was on the stage of Metropolitan Opera in New York, that Licitra, the Swiss-born son of Sicilian parents, grabbed the world's attention. He subbed for mega-tenor Luciano Pavarotti in a gala performance in 2002 of Puccini's "Tosca," wowing the audience and winning long ovations for his two big arias. The audience's response brought tears to his eyes. □

An ode to teachers



CHARLES M. BLOW
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Since it's back-to-school season across the country, I wanted to celebrate a group that is often maligned: teachers. Like so many others, it was a teacher who changed the direction of my life, and to whom I'm forever indebted.

A Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup poll released this week found that 76 percent of Americans believed that high-achieving high school students should later be recruited to become teachers, and 67 percent of respondents said that they would like to have a child of their own take up teaching in the public schools as a career.

But how do we expect to entice the best and brightest to become teachers when we keep tearing the profession down? We take the people who so desperately want to make a difference that they enter a field where they know that they'll be overworked and underpaid, and we scapegoat them as the cause of a society-wide failure.

A March report by the McGraw-Hill Research Foundation and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development found that one of the differences between the United States and countries with high-performing school systems was: "The teaching profession in the U.S. does not have the same high status as it once did, nor does it compare with the status teachers enjoy in the world's best-performing economies."

The report highlights two examples of this diminished status:

— "According to a 2005 National Education Association report, nearly 50 percent of new teachers leave the profession within their first five years teaching; they cite poor working conditions and low pay as the chief reason."

— "High school teachers in the U.S. work longer hours (approximately 50 hours, according to the NEA), and yet the U.S. devotes a far lower proportion than the average OECD country does to teacher salaries."

Take Wisconsin, for instance, where a new law stripped teachers of collective bargaining rights and forced them to pay more for benefits. According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, "about twice as many public school-teachers decided to hang it up in the first half of this year as in each of the past two full years." I'm not saying that we shouldn't seek to reform our education

system. We should, and we must. Nor am I saying that all teachers are great teachers. They aren't. But let's be honest: No profession is full of peak performers. At least this one is infused with nobility.

And we as parents, and as a society at large, must also acknowledge our shortcomings and the enormous hurdles that teachers must often clear to reach a child. Teachers may be the biggest in-school factor, but there are many out-of-school factors that weigh heavily on performance, like growing child poverty, hunger, homelessness, home and neighborhood instability, adult role-modeling and parental pressure and expectations.

The first teacher to clear those hurdles in my life was Mrs. Thomas.

From the first through third grades, I went to school in a neighboring town because it was the school where my mother got her first teaching job. I was not a great student. I was slipping in and out of depression from a tumultuous family life that included the recent divorce of my parents. I began to grow invisible. My teachers didn't seem to see me nor I them. (To this day, I can't remember any of their names.)

My work began to suffer so much that I was temporarily placed in the "slow" class. No one even talked to me about it. They just sent a note. I didn't believe that I was slow, but I began to live down to their expectations.

I couldn't remember a teacher ever smiling with approval, or putting their hand around me, or praising my performance in any way.

It was the first time that I felt a teacher cared about me, saw me or believed in me. It lit a fire in me. I never got a bad grade again. I figured that Mrs. Thomas would always be able to see me if I always shined. I always wanted to make her as proud of me as she seemed to be that day. And, she always was.

In high school, the district sent a man to test our IQ's. Turns out that not only was I not slow, but mine and another boy's IQ were high enough that they created a gifted-and-talented class just for the two of us with our own teacher who came to our school once a week. I went on to graduate as the valedictorian of my class.

And all of that was because of Mrs. Thomas, the firecracker of a teacher who first saw me and smiled with the smile that warmed me on the inside.

So to all of the Mrs. Thomases out there, all the teachers struggling to reach lost children like I was once, I just want to say thank you. You deserve our admiration, not our contempt.

My column last week about our nation's child crisis misstated the findings of a report by the Guttmacher Institute on unintended pregnancies. The 50-percent increase since 1994 was among poor women, not all women. □



The fatal distraction



PAUL KRUGMAN
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Friday brought two numbers that should have everyone in Washington saying, "My God, what have we done?"

One of these numbers was zero – the number of jobs created in August. The other was two – the interest rate on 10-year U.S. bonds, almost as low as this rate has ever gone.

Taken together, these numbers almost scream that the inside-the-Beltway crowd has been worrying about the wrong things, and inflicting grievous harm as a result.

Ever since the acute phase of the financial crisis ended, policy discussion in Washington has been dominated not by unemployment, but by the alleged dangers posed by budget deficits. Pundits and media organizations insisted that the biggest risk facing America was the threat that investors would pull the plug on U.S. debt. For example, in May 2009 The Wall Street Journal declared that the "bond vigilantes" were "returning with a vengeance," telling readers that the Obama administration's "epic spending spree" would send interest rates soaring.

The interest rate when that editorial was published was 3.7 percent. As of Friday, as I've already mentioned, it was only 2 percent.

I don't mean to dismiss concerns about the long-run U.S. budget picture. If you look at fiscal prospects over, say, the next 20 years, they are indeed deeply worrying, largely because of rising health care costs.

But the experience of the past two years has overwhelmingly confirmed what some of us tried to argue from the beginning: The deficits we're running right now – deficits we should be running, because deficit spending helps support a depressed economy – are no threat at all.

And by obsessing over a non-existent threat, Washington has been making the real problem – mass unemployment, which is eating away at the foundations of our nation – much worse.

Although you'd never know it listening to the ranters, the past year has actually been a pretty good test of the theory that slashing government spending actually creates jobs. The deficit obsession has blocked a much-needed second round of federal stimulus, and with stimulus spending, such as it was, fading out, we're experiencing de facto fiscal austerity. State and local governments, in particular, faced with the loss of federal aid, have been sharply cutting many programs, and have been laying off a lot of workers, mostly schoolteachers.

OK, I know what the usual suspects will say – namely, that fears of regulation and higher taxes are holding businesses back. But this is just a right-wing fantasy. Multiple surveys have shown that lack of demand – a lack that is being exacerbated by government cutbacks – is the overwhelming problem businesses face, with regulation and taxes barely even in the picture. For example, when McClatchy Newspapers recently canvassed a random selection of small-business owners to find out what was

hurting them, not a single one complained about regulation of his or her industry, and few complained much about taxes. And did I mention that profits after taxes, as a share of national income, are at record levels?

Which brings me to President Barack Obama's planned speech on the economy.

I find it useful to think in terms of three questions: What should we be doing to create jobs? What will Republicans in Congress agree to? And given that political reality, what should the president propose?

The answer to the first question is that we should have a lot of job-creating spending on the part of the federal government, largely in the form of much-needed spending to repair and upgrade the nation's infrastructure. Oh, and we need more aid to state and local governments, so that they can stop laying off school-teachers.

But what will Republicans agree to? That's easy: nothing. They will oppose anything Obama proposes, even if it would clearly help the economy – or maybe I should say, especially if it would help the economy, since high unemployment helps them politically.

This reality makes the third question – what the president should propose – hard to answer, since nothing he proposes will actually happen anytime soon. So I'm personally prepared to cut Obama a lot of slack on the specifics of his proposal, as long as it's big and bold. For what he mostly needs to do now is to change the conversation – to get Washington talking again about jobs and how the government can help create them.

For the sake of the nation, and especially for millions of unemployed Americans who see little prospect of finding another job, I hope he pulls it off. □

Snowboarder Rice goes big on 'The Art of Flight'

CATHERINE TSAI

Associated Press

SNOWMASS VILLAGE, Colorado (AP) —

Extreme snowboarder Travis Rice isn't interested in making mere "ski porn" films — the downhill documentaries known for showing trick after breath-taking trick over a soundtrack of thrashing guitars.

For Rice and director Curt Morgan, one-upping traditional snow sports movies with their latest film, "The Art of Flight," meant using the latest cutting-edge equipment, including a high-definition camera that shoots 1,050 frames a second.

It also meant taking bigger risks — such as going to mountains no one's ever touched and doing tricks no one's ever tried. At least three snowboarders were hospitalized while filming "The Art of Flight."

And it meant telling good stories — like when snowboarders had to dive into icy waters high in the Andes of South America to reach their helicopter before it ran out of fuel to fly them out. "'Really scary, we almost died' — that sort of thing," Morgan said.

"The Art of Flight" premieres Wednesday at New York's Beacon Theatre, then screens in selected cities, including Seattle, Denver, Minneapolis, Montreal and Boston, before concluding the tour Nov. 3 at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts.

The film stars Rice, 28, who is among the sport's top riders. Morgan, 29, once rode professionally with Rice but gave it up after breaking his back three times.

Morgan eventually founded Wyoming-based Brain Farm Digital Cinema, which made "The Art of Flight" and also produced Rice's "That's It, That's All." That 2008 film broadened the snowboarding film experience by melding big-air tricks with nature and wildlife photography from the far-off places Rice and friends traveled.

"What's really cool about Brain Farm is their films hit more of the mainstream," said Waide Hoyt of Standard Films, an industry pio-



In this May 8, 2011 photo, professional snowboarder Danny Davis negotiates his way through "Gumdrop Land" during the filming of the documentary "The Art of Flight" at Snowmass ski area in Colorado. The film will premiere on Sept. 7 in New York.

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In this May 8, 2011 photo, professional snowboarder Danny Davis catches some air during the filming of "The Art of Flight" at Snowmass ski area in Colorado.

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neer. "They bring people who may not watch snowboard movies or purchase them to check them out." "That's the whole challenge here," Morgan said. "You have a core audience that's really small. We're trying to find a way for our stories to transcend to the mainstream. We're trying to push the boundaries and still hold on to the core."

Morgan won't discuss it, but the production budget for "The Art of Flight," heavily supported by Red Bull and other sponsors, is said to be around \$2 million — huge for snowboarding

flicks typically shown at festivals or limited screenings. A big chunk of that budget went for helicopters, sometimes two at a time, with one dropping riders off on narrow ridges and another shooting the action with a high-definition Cineflex camera system.

"People are trying to do something gnarlier to outdo the next person. In turn, you create more challenges and sketchy situations. We've set ourselves up for some painful days," Morgan said.

The new movie includes some of the backstory of those situations, like brav-

ing high winds and the prospect of no rescue in the forbidding Darwin Range of southernmost Chile, where a helicopter pilot once told Morgan the devil lives.

"If you get stuck out there, you're pretty much done for," Morgan said.

Part of what made it tricky was the helicopter only carried about 120 minutes' worth of fuel, and it took about 80 minutes round-trip to get to where Morgan wanted to shoot the riders taking on a narrow chute. The movie trailer shows snowboarders tossing their boards across an icy gap and plunging into chilly wa-

ter so they could get back to their helicopter before it ran out of fuel.

Besides Chile, the movie features backcountry footage from Alaska, British Columbia and Wyoming. The team also spent part of last May shooting at Colorado's Snowmass ski area after it closed for the season.

All told, Morgan's crew shot more than 2,600 hours of footage for the movie and eight, one-hour episodes of a planned television show on how Morgan and Rice make their movies. Brain Farm is negotiating with networks. Any snowboard movie faces the risk of avalanches and bad weather. And it can take weeks to get the right mix of fresh snow, sunlight and calm winds that won't ground helicopters or toss riders who are launching 50 to 60 feet into the air. "Any day you get a shot is a good day," Rice said. "You chip away at an hour-long project five seconds at a time." Then there are the injuries. In January, Scotty Lago, the 2010 Winter Olympics halfpipe bronze medalist, broke his jaw after slamming it against his knee on a landing in the Wyoming backcountry. And Mark Landvik required knee surgery after a bad landing off a backside 360. At Snowmass in May, Canadian Sebastien Toutant broke his ankle while warming up. But it wasn't all pain and suffering at the Snowmass shoot. Canadian up-and-comer Mark McMorris successfully landed a rare triple cork, essentially a twisted triple flip. The next day, Landvik, still out of action while recovering from the knee surgery, marched around in a fake mullet and cutoff jeans to lighten the mood. Others launched into slow-motion snow fights and impromptu rapping with a Shake Weight. Meanwhile, Morgan's crew manned five video cameras, including a Phantom, which shoots so many frames per second that it can turn four seconds of real-time action into four minutes of slow-motion on a movie screen. □